





## G.H.Q. Reported To Have Criticized Hore-Belisha

LONDON (CP) — "Authentic light" on the circumstances of War Secretary Leslie Hore-Belisha's resignation was offered today by the political correspondent of the Evening News, who said he understood it was the outcome of criticism from British general headquarters in France and from inside the War Office.

"The names of General Gort and General Ironside are mentioned as being among his chief critics," the correspondent wrote. "But many distinguished men of the army are far from sharing this attitude. They have conveyed to him their sympathy with the course taken."

The writer said a section of the high command severely criticized Mr. Hore-Belisha, among other things for:

1. The policy of giving commissions only through the ranks;

2. Initiation of a welfare scheme for the troops and the appointment of special welfare officers "which it is argued by his critics could be left to the commanding officers and other things."

On the other hand, Reuters parliamentary correspondent claimed "any suggestions that the resignation is the outcome of any sense of grievance on the part of the central officers who might personally be affected by his policy at the War Office are without foundation."

**PRESS DEMANDS**

The provincial press of the United Kingdom today demanded an explanation of the circumstances surrounding Mr. Hore-Belisha's resignation.

"The resignation of one of the most important members of the war cabinet surely requires more explanation than has been given," declared the Western Mail of Cardiff in an editorial. "The correspondence between Prime Minister Chamberlain and Mr. Hore-Belisha makes a mystery of the resignation rather than sheds light."

The Glasgow Bulletin said the "appointment of Mr. Stanley in Mr. Hore-Belisha's place will hardly dispel the doubts to which this curious business of an obviously protesting resignation has given rise."

The Birmingham Gazette commented: "The public is entitled to expect the House of Commons will probe the matter deeper for the general enlightenment. There will also be repercussions to this unexplained big change in France and among the neutrals to be considered."

The Liverpool Post: "The public cannot fail to be curious about the reason why Mr. Chamberlain should, as it seems, initiate a reshuffle of ministerial offices by offering Mr. Hore-Belisha the presidency of the Board of Trade. At the War Office Mr. Hore-Belisha seemed to be doing a difficult job with enthusiasm, energy and courage."

The Yorkshire Post said the "public will feel there are those who could have been better spared than Mr. Hore-Belisha in the testing days that lie ahead" and "we must hope to see some new use made of his vigor and drive in the national effort before long."

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## Even Famed Dragoons Lose Their Horses

TORONTO — Canada's cavalry units are giving up their horses for light tanks and motorcycles. Cavalry officers in Toronto, who should have a pretty good idea of what is what, say the change will be found in 1940 training schedules.

They say, does not mean their units will cease to be cavalry units. Merely that they are changing their means of locomotion.

The Royal Canadian Dragoons, one of Canada's famed units and part of its permanent force, has already changed over. Its permanent force officers and warrant officers are already busy training mechanized units in other sections of the army.

All this change-over from horse to motor has the army's horse lovers in a terrible dither. Actually, it is no more revolutionary than was the change from sail to steam. Horse lovers are being urged to consider all the horses whose lives will be spared by the change.

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## Men Belisha Promoted Turned Against Him

By DREW MIDDLETON  
LONDON (AP) — Leslie Hore-Belisha, who rebuilt Britain's army, is believed by qualified observers to owe his downfall as War Secretary to the very men he promoted to lead the British forces.

Correspondents who have crossed the channel say it is an open secret in France that Mr. Hore-Belisha and Viscount Gort, commander of the British field forces, did not "get on."

They differed, it is reported, first on submission of the British Expeditionary Force to French leadership which the War Secretary, an ardent admirer of the French commander, General Marie Gustave Gamelin, had plumped for ever since taking office.

Just as irksome to some members of the British army was Mr. Hore-Belisha's penchant for "democratization" of the military forces and his love for publicity. On trips to the front he paid more attention to privates and non-coms than to officers, and he had scant regard for the ceremonial procedure which cloaked headquarters.

### ASKED MANY QUESTIONS

War correspondents noted that tradition-bound army members had difficulty in recognizing a kindred soul in the stout little man who tramped the trenches in patent leather shoes, called privates "my dear boy" and stumped white-haired brigadiers with questions on fire power, muzzle velocity and other "new fangled" ideas.

He was regarded as a gifted amateur who had learned a lot about the military business, but observers noted that to professional soldiers he was ever an "amateur."

When he reconstituted the Army Council, General Sir Harry Knox and Lieut.-General Sir Hugh Elles were displaced. Eight months later, two more generals — Sir George Jeffreys and Sir Henry Karslake — were "retired."

In some army circles these moves were severely criticized.

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Senator William King, Democrat, Utah, chairman of the group, moved approval and other senators agreed without discussion.

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## Home to Father



## Carol Warns Soviet Rumania Ready to Fight

CHISINAU, Rumania (AP) — King Carol served a strong warning to Soviet Russia today that Rumania will fight "as one living wall" if Russian armies attempt to invade Bessarabia.

Speaking after reviewing a parade of troops, planes and tanks at Chisinau (Kishinev), capital of Bessarabia, 12 miles from the Russian border, the king insisted Bessarabia "will always remain Rumanian by the force of our arms."

General George Argesanu, commander of the Third Army Corps, told the crowd which assembled at the governor's palace to hear the king that the "whole army from the first man to the last is ready to defend the eastern border."

Russian, Ukrainian and German-minority leaders of Bessarabia — which was Russian until the war settlement of 1919 — publicly swore allegiance for themselves and their followers to King Carol and Rumania. Russia never has recognized Rumanian sovereignty over Bessarabia.

"We pledge our lives for our beloved Rumanian fatherland," they declared.

### MINISTERS SEE PARADE

As he reviewed the troops, King Carol was flanked by Premier Georges Tătărescu, Crown Prince Michael and the ministers of war, navy and air.

The king's speech followed a similar declaration by Premier Tătărescu at Constanta, Black Sea port, January 1.

Rumania was reported to have moved most of her troops out of Bessarabia a few months ago with the semi-official explanation that the province was impossible to defend. If it was invaded, Rumania indicated at the time, the Rumanian army would abandon it and make a stand along the River Pruth.

However, authoritative sources have admitted that since Finland's successful resistance against the Red army, the government has moved troops back into the province and expressed greater confidence in Rumania's ability to defend herself in case of a Russian invasion.

## Canteen Fund Probe on Prairie

REGINA (CP) — Appointment of a judicial commission of inquiry to investigate operation of the Saskatchewan Canteen Fund, used to aid needy soldiers, was announced today by Hon. J. W. Estey, Attorney-General.

Mr. Justice Donald MacLean of the Court of King's Bench, will constitute the one-man commission, to be assisted by counsel and such accounting assistance as may be necessary to make the investigation as complete as possible.

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## Unity Freeman-Mitford's Sister in Miami

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Jessica Freeman-Mitford-Romilly, whose sister is said to have been described as the perfect "Nordic beauty" by Adolf Hitler, lives in Miami and works in a bar and restaurant in which her husband, Esmond Romilly, owns an interest.

But Jessica says she knows nothing about why her sister Unity Valkyrie Freeman-Mitford — was brought home from Germany to England this week with a mysterious injury.

Jessica and her husband were married in 1937 after they had met on his return from helping the Republican cause in Spain. The marriage met with the disfavor of her father, Lord Redesdale, and the couple came to the United States.

The government's statement came close on the findings of a coroner's jury that Capt. A. H. White had died of poisoning, self-administered, after information had been laid against him charging of theft of moneys from the canteen fund.

Mr. Estey's statement revealed that investigation of the fund was started by police with the assistance of H. E. Sampson, K.C., of the Attorney-General's office, after certain documents, which had been in the possession of John T. Nicoll, had been turned over to police.

Nicoll was not an official of the fund.

The documents that had been in the possession of Nicoll originally emanated from the office of the trustees of the canteen fund, and suggested certain irregularities in connection with the fund, Mr. Estey's statement added.

Police have been endeavoring to locate Nicoll as a material witness. He disappeared from his home August 17 last.

The present position is that two of the trustees have died and the investigation has not in any way implicated the third trustee, Col. A. C. Styles, or his predecessor, Col. James McAra, or anyone employed in the management of the fund," Mr. Estey said.

He added, however, that the investigation to date has indicated "serious offences and the misappropriation of sums of money over a period of years."

## Given Appointment At Fairbridge School

George Warnock, former teacher at Monterey Avenue School, who was the centre of a controversy with the Oak Bay School Board, has been given an appointment on the teaching staff of Fairbridge Farm School, the Department of Education said.

Warnock was given a dismissal notice by the Oak Bay School Board, but protested and took his appeal to the provincial board of reference. This body, however, upheld the Oak Bay board.

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Coarse grains ground, with figures for 1938 in brackets: Oats 1,658,254 bushels (\$1,616,828); corn 250,074 (245,941); barley 196,822 (178,786); buckwheat 25,655 (23,932); mixed grain 2,759,117 (2,269,076).

## Coffee for French

PARIS (AP)—Coffee-loving Frenchmen who have experienced difficulty in obtaining their favorite brew because of military necessities will be able to drink their fill for the next week or 10 days. Approximately 4,000 tons of Brazilian coffee seized aboard the German freighter Santa Fe, are being distributed throughout the country.

## Sabotage Insurance

WINDSOR, Ont. (CP)—Windsor Utilities Commission has decided to take out sabotage insurance on its hydro and water plants. The present cost of guards is equivalent to \$45,000 annually. The proposed reduction in the guard system would result in a cut of \$25,000.

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## SEA LOSSES LIGHT DURING WEEK

By the Canadian Press

Sea warfare was at a low ebb in the week ended January 5. Dispatches from London tended to the belief the enemy was concentrating on assembling his forces for a new phase of the war at sea and that submarines and mine-laying craft temporarily were inactive.

One British and one French ship were lost during the week, while a German vessel which went ashore from Spain after eluding an Allied patrol broke up on the rocks. Another, the Goerneheim, was learned to have been scuttled last September. Its tonnage was 4,574.

The week's sinkings of merchant ships: One British of 5,677 tons; one French of 6,419 tons; one German of 2,680 tons; two Swedish of 2,959 tons, and one Norwegian of 959 tons.

**Alberta Will Stand Test, Says Aberhart**

OLDs, Alberta (CP)—A warning that a serious post-war economic crash is likely to occur was sounded last night by Premier William Aberhart in an address to 200 supporters in the Olds constituency.

However, in Alberta "we have our framework ready to bear the load," he said. "Our treasury branch system will carry that great burden when called upon to do so."

Mr. Aberhart said: "I'm hoping our success in the past four years will be shown to the world when the test comes, so they'll be able to say in all the other provinces 'somehow in Alberta they're able to carry the load, just the same as they're saying today that Alberta's education system is going ahead.'

He stated opposing political groups were planning to "flood the provinces with money, literature and propaganda to confuse the people" in the next provincial general election.

"I am sorry you people are going to be put to the test," he said, "because they will attempt to level the reputations of all of us."

"But it is the people's prerogative to criticize and ours to take it. Thank goodness we've learned to take it in the neck. Somebody's got to be the goat. It is cruel and intensive, the opposition of entrenched finance. It is false but stinging."

The premier asked: "What is the use of going around the country electioneering and ask to be hired again after you've done a good job? I never did that when I was teaching school in Calgary."

"We did our level best under the circumstances and we tried to carry out our promises, but it was impossible. We are not ashamed of our record."

## British Press Demands Truth About Belisha

By HAROLD FAIR

LONDON (CP)—Leslie Hore-Belisha went to the War Office today to bid his staff good-bye while the London evening press demanded the "truth, and the whole truth," about his departure from the cabinet.

The authoritative Press Association said that for the present

fore the appointed date of January 16 when Mr. Hore-Belisha will make a personal statement.

He added that the opposition is likely to ask for a full dress debate on what the minister will say and Mr. Chamberlain will give his version. The writer also said there may be a slight reshuffle in junior cabinet offices.

The influential Cardiff Western Mail, a strong supporter of Mr. Chamberlain's government, said:

"We cannot say he (Mr. Stanley) has been a conspicuous success at the Board of Education and the Ministry of Labor, or at the Board of Trade."

As Minister of Information Lord MacMillan is succeeded by Sir John Reith, chairman of Imperial Airways, and former director-general of the British Broadcasting Corporation, which he organized.

## MAN OF COURAGE

"Mr. Hore-Belisha's work," said the Manchester Guardian, "has shown him to be both a courageous and an intelligent minister. He reorganized the War Office hierarchy—a task which would have scared 9 of 10 ministers out of their wits, and he has done more than decades of war ministers to give the army conditions which so far approach those of civilian life that the average man might really like to join."

## Prepare Post-war Steps, Says Stevens

KAMLOOPS, B.C.—Calling on

Canadians to do their duty as democrats, Hon. H. H. Stevens, Conservative member of Parliament for Kootenay East, urged them to "gladly sacrifice self-interest and impose self-discipline" in the course of an address to a joint meeting of Rotary and Gyro Clubs here.

Mr. Stevens, who will contest the Kamloops seat in the next federal election, declared Canada is in little danger from without, but is in "deadly peril of internal betrayal through inertia."

He said the individual's responsibility to a democracy should be a "positive doctrine," and gave as an instance Canadian respect for law and order, which he said implies a willingness to give away personal advantage to the advantage of the whole.

Admitting himself greatly disturbed about "conditions that will exist after the war," Mr. Stevens called for action—"not only government action but individual action."

"When we see young men by the thousands idle and derelict we ought to and we must do something more than merely say 'I guess relief will take care of him.'

He said such a condition should not exist in Canada with its wealth of resources and small population.

"As long as we are not able to feed, clothe and comfortably house these people, there is justification for this criticism, for their radical talk," the former federal cabinet minister said. "There is a challenge we must face."

He said the problem would be made worse by demobilization.

Mr. Stevens told his audience a nation-wide home building program was necessary and added: "There is not a city in Canada which is not a disgrace to civilization."

He asked that there be "something better" than the present Dominion housing and home improvement schemes, which he said had created about \$75,000,000 worth of building, only 20 per cent of which was financed by the government.

"These changes will not be taken as a last word either as regards men or as regards machinery," The Times said.

The Daily Mail explained the War Secretary's resignation by saying "Mr. Hore-Belisha has not been getting on well with the generals and he goes."

## WHISPERING CAMPAIGN

The News Chronicle gave the same reason, and said: "For some time past gossip has been unpleasantly busy with stories of a whispering campaign against the war minister in high army circles."

The London Daily Express said, "Mr. Hore-Belisha was one of the most efficient ministers. . . . Mr. Oliver Stanley is a most unsatisfactory appointment."

The same paper charged Mr. Stanley in an editorial with "putting the clock back" as Minister of Transport and said he "blundered over unemployment assistance" as Minister of Labor.

The political correspondent of the Daily Express, Guy Eden, said Mr. Chamberlain's decision to ask for Mr. Hore-Belisha's resignation was taken under pressure from the army generals who objected to the War Secretary's "reforms and drastic changes."

## STATEMENT EXPECTED

"It was rumored last night," the correspondent wrote, "that parliament might reassemble be-

## Resigning British Ministers' Letters Voice Regrets

LONDON (CP-Havas)—The exchange of letters between Prime Minister Chamberlain and the two cabinet ministers who resigned, Leslie Hore-Belisha and Lord Macmillan, follows:

Mr. Hore-Belisha, War Secretary, to Mr. Chamberlain:

"My Dear Prime Minister:

"I wish I felt able to accept the important office which you have been good enough to offer me in your reconstructed government, but for reasons I gave you verbally this morning I regretfully cannot see my way to do so.

(The ministry offered Mr. Hore-Belisha the presidency of the Board of Trade.)

"I will, however, naturally give all the support in my power to the firmest conduct of the war until it is brought to a successful issue.

"I am glad to think that there is no difference of policy between us.

"On the personal side, I recall the kindness you have shown to me in our relationship during the many years we have been together. In my work, particularly at the War Office, I have relied on your understanding co-operation in the inspiring task of reorganizing and preparing the army for war.

"Yours very sincerely,

"Leslie Hore-Belisha."

## TRIBUTE PAID

Mr. Chamberlain to Mr. Hore-Belisha:

"It was with very great regret that I received your decision not to accept the office which I offered you in the course of recon-

struction of the government which I have in hand. At the same time I fully understand and respect the reasons you gave me.

"I would like now to pay my sincere tribute to your work at the War Office and the important reforms you have carried out. It is a great satisfaction to me that there is not now, and never has been, any difference between us on policy, and in particular on the necessity for prosecuting the war with the utmost determination to a successful issue.

"I would like also to thank you for the loyal support you have always given me and those pleasant personal relations which characterized our relations over so many years.

"Yours ever,

"Neville Chamberlain."

## INFORMATION MINISTRY

Lord MacMillan, Minister of Information, to Mr. Chamberlain:

"My Dear Prime Minister:

"I have been good enough to tell me of the impending changes which you have in view, as well as the embarrassment which has been caused by the fact that I have no seat in the House of Commons, which renders it expedient that I should place my appointment at your disposal.

"I should not for a moment stand in the way of any step which would promote the efficiency of the ministry, and I readily leave myself in your hands.

"I confess that it is with some regret that I relinquish the task which you did me the honor to entrust to me at the outbreak of the war, for I have found it most interesting and latterly full of promise of increasing usefulness, but I shall always recall with pleasure my brief experience of office under you.

"Yours sincerely,  
"MacMillan."

## DIFFICULT TASK

The Prime Minister replied:

"Thank you for your letter in

which you expressed your willingness to put your office at my disposal with a view to facilitating other rearrangements in the government which has been experienced due to the fact that you have not yourself been able to speak for your office in the House of Commons.

"Let me say at once how deeply I appreciate the public spirit which has prompted your letter and which you showed so conspicuously when I first asked you to undertake an extremely difficult task.

"You have, I believe, gone far to remove the difficulties which were perhaps inevitable in setting up a new and complicated machine in the shortest possible time. I hope that upon the foundations which you have laid it will now be possible to build up the ministry until it fulfills that it required of it.

"I am, however, bound to recognize the importance of its representation in the House of Commons, and it may well be as it turns out that the task which remains will prove easier in the hands of a minister who can put his own case to the House.

"I have accordingly decided, though with great regret, that the right course for me is to submit your resignation to His Majesty.

"Yours ever,  
"Neville Chamberlain."

## Divorce Applications

OTTAWA (CP)—One task of the Canadian Senate—that of dealing with divorce applications—will be no lighter this year than last, according to advance indications.

Already 35 applications have been received, all from Quebec. This number is expected to be heavily increased before parliament meets January 25.

Last session of Parliament there were 62 applications for

divorce, but many of them were received too late to be dealt with and only 48 divorces were granted. In 1938 there were 88 applications and 85 granted.

**Manager Resigns**  
CALGARY (CP)—Active in the business and agricultural life of this province for more than a quarter of a century, E. S. McRory, Calgary, has resigned the management of United Grain Growers Limited because of ill-health.

## Nazis Execute Spy

BERLIN (AP)—Heinrich Gehardt, 22, was decapitated today as a spy for an undisclosed foreign intelligence service.

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WHAT LIES BEHIND THE REMOVAL of Rt. Hon. Leslie Hore-Belisha from the vital executive post of Secretary of State for War in the British government the world will learn in due time. Today's dispatches from London contain a plethora of varied speculation. Most of it is angry. Some of it is outspokenly skeptical. The least bitter of it demands the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

One writer calls it a victory for the "brass hats"—meaning that school which the Minister annoyed when he began his reorganization of the army by democratizing it as well as mechanizing it, by riding roughshod over tradition and seniority claims, and by replacing the "old guard" by younger and more alert minds. Yet another explanation is that Mr. Hore-Belisha had been finding it difficult to harmonize his own administrative views with those of the men whom he favored by his policies, notably the views of Commander-in-Chief Viscount Gort, and that Prime Minister Chamberlain—apprised of the circumstances—found himself obliged to decide between permitting the dissensions to continue and definite action to put an end to them. Press and public naturally will not rest until all the facts have been fully ventilated in the House of Commons.

In the absence of such information, however, it is interesting to note the dignified communication which Mr. Hore-Belisha has addressed to his constituents in Devonport. He modestly refers to those "changes and enlargements" in the army to which he found it desirable to give effect—reorganization policies, of course, which for long have been the admiration of the military's rank and file and a source of encouragement and pride to an anxious and trusting public—and assures the people of Britain that the "ever-growing numbers" of this "democratic organization" will acquit themselves "with valor and distinction if and when the occasion comes." And here is the voice of the patriot:

"I am proud and privileged to have been for so long associated with it, and to have helped to mold its form and spirit. Whatever task may fall to me, I shall perform with vigor, but I have no thought at the present moment but that of winning the war. This concentration of purpose, I am sure, is shared by every one of my constituents. The fact that I remain the member for Devonport still gives me an opportunity for service."

As in the case of Mr. Eden, young Mr. Hore-Belisha will be heard from again, for he got his fighting spirit through his service with the "Old Contemptibles," whom he joined as a mere lad in October, 1914. He is in his 45th year, began his political life as an ardent Liberal and entered the cabinet in 1936 as a National Liberal. It was during his first campaign in Devonport in 1923 that his Tory opponent sarcastically referred to him as "a little chit of a fellow." This was too good an opportunity to let pass. Hore-Belisha was proud to be called "a little chit of a fellow" because he was older than Napoleon, Alexander, Hannibal, the younger Pitt, and Gladstone when these immortals reached great eminence on the world's stage. He won that election handsomely and has won every one since—in 1935 by a majority of more than 10,000.

Well may Mr. Hore-Belisha say that his membership of the House of Commons for a constituency which repulses full confidence in him will still give him opportunity for service. And he may have something to say, when Parliament meets on January 16, about the "old school" if he finds that his democratization of the army, his reputation for having done an excellent job, his concern for privates as well as generals, has had anything to do with the "strong stand" which is the term used in some quarters to describe the Prime Minister's action. For, never let it be forgotten, it was "a little chit of a fellow" who molded the new army's "form and spirit."

## Grapes of Wrath

AT ITS CONVENTION IN STOCKTON two weeks ago the Associated Farmers of California discussed and finally passed the following resolution:

"Whereas, Mr. John Steinbeck in his novel 'Grapes of Wrath' has grossly libelled the migrants from Oklahoma and other dust-bowl states by representing them as vulgar, lawless and immoral and,

"Whereas, the great majority of dust-bowl immigrants are upstanding, industrious, law-abiding and Godfearing American citizens; now therefore

"It is resolved that the Associated Farmers of California unequivocally condemn this as an entirely unjustified slur upon the good name and the morals of these fine Americans."

It appears that the book's outspoken condemnation of agricultural employer groups—by inference, the Associated Farmers—caused the uproar at the Stockton meeting. But perhaps the discussion will focus attention on the plight of 300,000 "dust-bowl" refugees who have trekked to the Golden Gate state since 1936, which, of course, gets lengthy treatment in Steinbeck's work.

Finnish sergeant shot three real bears in mistake for "the bear that walks like a man."

## Propaganda Examined

ON HIS RETURN TO SEATTLE FROM Europe—with a large packet of samples of propaganda now being used by 20 countries—Mr. Vernon McKenzie, director of the School of Journalism at the University of Washington, told interviewers that while he was not in any position to say quite definitely that German propaganda had failed, he was likewise unable to concede that printed matter and spoken word had as yet attained the persuasiveness of a bayonet. The former editor of Maclean's Magazine, however, feels that German propaganda "has combined the deep understanding of an adolescent with the finesse of a professional wrestler," and that it is "something like a man playing a harp while wearing a pair of mittens . . . the harpist is interesting to watch and his technique is formidable but what comes out is neither pleasant nor very convincing."

Aside from the highly-metaphorical description of German propaganda and German methods which Mr. McKenzie gives, it would seem to be clear from his observations that Nazi technique does not stand up very well under the inexorable scrutiny of common sense and historical knowledge. And what he means more specifically, we presume, is that his examination of Germany's propaganda confirms him in his belief—shared by many people—that one of the Reich's chief handicaps in its lack of understanding of other peoples, their outlook and their inherent sense of fair play, and its complete inability to develop a sense of humor. This latter, of course, is the saving grace of the English-speaking peoples.

How could the Herr Doktor Goebbels compete with even the stiff British Ministry of Information? He has run German films out of neutral movie houses merely because the exercise of ordinary intelligence has exposed the Nazi poison in what is supposed to be entertainment with a propaganda flavor. The "Entente Cordiale"—a French film now running in New York, showing the beginnings and development of the Anglo-French alliance—is playing to large houses. The success of this type of "publicity" is in striking contrast with the positive failure abroad of the Goebbel's type.

## An Unafraid Minister

OUT OF A LARGE COLLECTION OF press comment on the removal of Rt. Hon. Leslie Hore-Belisha from the Chamberlain cabinet the following extract from the Manchester Guardian gives a concise verbal picture of what the average Briton understood all along:

"Mr. Hore-Belisha's work has shown him to be both a courageous and an intelligent Minister. He reorganized the War Office hierarchy—a task which would have scared nine of 10 Ministers out of their wits, and he has done more than decades of War Ministers to give the army conditions which so far approach those of civilian life that the average man might really like to join."

As general secretary of the Trades Union Congress—an important element in Britain's war effort—Sir Walter Citrine expresses the hope that Mr. Hore-Belisha's resignation does not mean the strengthening of bureaucracy, whether of the brass hat or of any other variety," because the British people "are not going to allow themselves to be ruled by tin-pot Hitlers, whether within the War Office or elsewhere."

The Italian newspaper *Popolo di Roma*, incidentally, reflects a general view when it says that Mr. Hore-Belisha's reputation as an organizer remains intact, implying that the benefits he has bestowed on the new army will still be manifest in the British Expeditionary Force.

## British Institutions

From Toronto Saturday Night

We confess to being much puzzled by the declaration which the Canadian Corps Association has presented to all candidates in the current municipal election in Ontario, with the demand that they sign it or face the opposition of the association in their contest.

The candidate is asked to declare that he will uphold the Crown, the flag and our British Institutions, all of which is exceedingly vague and rhetorical. When the Crown in the right of the Province of Ontario, as represented by Mr. Hepburn, is having a dispute with the Crown in the right of the Dominion of Canada, as represented by Mr. King, which of them is the candidate to uphold? And what are "British Institutions?"

In Great Britain they unquestionably include the House of Lords, the baronage, and the various lesser orders of chivalry. In Canada those things are prohibited by a resolution of the House of Commons. In a sense both the titles and the resolution forbidding them are British institutions. Which of them is the candidate to uphold?

The candidate is also called upon to "clare that he will do 'everything' to keep Canada within the British Empire. Does this mean that in case the Dominion government should take some action which he regards as likely to have the effect of withdrawing Canada from the British Empire, he must engage in rebellion against the Dominion government? Yet at another point in the declaration the candidate is required to affirm his "allegiance and loyalty to King and country." The word "country" in this context can hardly be interpreted as having any other meaning than Canada, so that the position of a Corps Association candidate in case of a conflict between imperial and purely Canadian interests, becomes more and more difficult.

On the whole, we should say that signing the Corps Association declaration constitutes a very convincing proof either of a considerable degree of sloppiness in political thinking or of readiness to sign anything in order to get a few votes.

## Parallel Thoughts

The Lord shall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedness. II Samuel 3:39. God's mill grinds slow but sure. Herbert.

## B.C. Is Different

By ELMORE PHILPOTT

NOW THAT I AM leaving British Columbia for a few months and going back where my family has lived for about 140 years, I find myself really thinking about this western country as home. I remember Bruce Hutchison's warning that the Victoria people never consider one of themselves until you have lived here for 20 years, or so, and do not know whether the destinies which shape our ends will ever let me qualify for that or not.

A couple of years ago a national political leader joked with me about living on Vancouver Island, and remarked, "Why, it's like another country." I agreed with him. All British Columbia is different from all the rest of Canada, and Vancouver Island seems different from the rest of B.C. to me.

I guess I am what the prairie people call an "orner." cuss. Many people come out here who think the climate is wonderful, but the people, figuratively speaking, are not so hot. I appraise them the other way round. Heresy though it may be, I do not think the climate of the coast is all that it is cracked up to be. On the other hand the people are in a class by themselves. More accurately I should say in classes by themselves. For in no other part of the continent that I know of is there so little uniformity of thought, habit, and background as here.

In one sense this is not a colony but a whole series of them. There are the Old Country folk, all of whose connections, financial, mental and sentimental, skip clean over the Canadian mainland and land in the tight little island over the Atlantic. There are the retired civil servants from India and the colonial Empire whose sentimental links with the Motherland have been more or less atrophied by long absence, who have determined to end their days here, who are still bubbling over with mental alertness and interest in life, but who feel themselves as adult orphans in Canada, looking in from a sort of fringe. There are the refugees from prairie drought and depression whom you can spot a block away.

The oldsters among them never lose that far-away wistful look and that yearning to be young again and back in God's country. When they say that the sun shines brighter there, and that you really don't mind it much when it's 20 or 30 below zero, they mean it. They are the most homesick people on the coast next to the white exiles from China. I never met any people so passionately fond of any land as are the Anglo-Saxons driven from China by the Japanese invasion. There must be something infinitely fine in that strange land to have won such an intensity of affection.

THE NET RESULT of all this diversity of attachment and origin is an enforced tolerance of other people's habits and opinions to a degree not evident elsewhere. In some things, this doesn't work out so well. By all odds the most incalculable drivers I ever observed are in Victoria. The accident is low because everybody drives as if everybody else is crazy, and, speaking confidentially, most of these opinions are pretty close to the truth. But in neighborly relations, politics and religion it makes for the peaceful acceptance of the principles of live and let live.

The youngsters are a joy to behold. The schools have the friendliest atmosphere I ever encountered. There are more fine-looking girls with the hair—the color of newly-minted copper than any place else I ever saw. When I say copper color I do not mean the red shade which gave half of Europe the phrase "A Scot has been here." A professor tells me that he tested all the high schools in Canada and the Victoria students were the most Americanized of any in the Dominion. A soldier tells me there are more ex-officers here than in any other part of the British Empire. They may both be right.

Anyway I like Victoria, because the young Chinese girls have the most beautiful legs I ever saw and the old Sikh men have the most beautiful faces, and for a hundred other reasons.

## ALMOST "SCOOPED"

From Windsor Star

The Court Circular, staidest and prolest of publications, came within a few minutes of scooping live-wire newspaper correspondents on the arrival of the Canadian contingent in Scotland. After this the Ministry of Information will have to keep its eye on patent medicine almanacs, the labels on canned fruit and Christmas calendars.

We must suffer the demagogue and the charlatan in order to make certain that we do not limit or restrain the honest commentator on public affairs. — Judge James Garrett Wallace of the Court of General Sessions, New York City.

## Loose Ends

By BRUCE HUTCHISON

## ANOTHER DECADE

By BRUCE HUTCHISON

AS I READ the calendar, we are now entering upon another decade. A decade is pretty interesting thing when you come to think of it. No one remembers a single year very well; only one or two of them, 1914 and 1918 and 1929, remain at all in the memory, and for the most part unpleasantly. But a decade is a sizeable chunk of time and acquires a flavor and often a name which lasts.

We talk of the Gay Nineties. In the last century they had the Hungry Forties. We had our Golden Era of Calvin Coolidge, which ended abruptly in the autumn of 1929, and now we have completed our thirties. So far they have no name at all but history will find one for them, perhaps will know them as the Tragic Thirties.

Now we reach the Forties. When a man gets into that stage they talk of the Foolish Forties, when he is likely to do any absurd thing, particularly if there is a blonde in the room. What we are deciding by our present activities is the character of a whole decade, what reputation it is to have with posterity. A grave responsibility. It could be the Foolish Forties or the Fortunate Forties or the Fatuous Forties. It would be nice to know but most likely we wouldn't believe it if we heard. Who realized that the Nineties were Gay, or that our own twenties were golden? Who ever knows anything until it is too late?

## PROSPERITY

WHO REALIZES, for example, that we

have been living for the last several years in an era of tremendous prosperity? Don't raise the royal eyebrows, please. We have been enjoying in this part of the world a wonderful boom, probably the highest level of prosperity in our history.

It has been, unfortunately, an uneven

level. Those on the bottom have been much worse than usual, lacking jobs. But the remainder of the population, roughly perhaps the upper two-thirds, have been doing fine. Look about Victoria today and you will see everywhere new houses that have sprung up during the years of so-called crisis, new houses and good houses with fixtures, plumbing and conveniences that our fathers never dreamed of, so that an ordinary man can live better essentially than Louis XIV at Versailles, where they had only stoves and no plumbing and the decorations would drive anybody crazy. And look at all the new automobiles. They have had hard times on the prairies, but we have had good times here and have gone through a boom without knowing it, wallowed through a wave of prosperity without getting damp. And complaining all the time that we were desperately hard up. Ninety-nine per cent of the world would move to Victoria if they could right now. Fortunately they haven't got the rail-way fare.

## CHANCE

DOUBTLESS YOU HAVEN'T noticed any-

thing so important, but the days are getting longer. The earth (as I have often recorded before and apparently am the only person in the world who ever records it) has turned again and is now sunny side up. You can see the difference in the morning, if you get up early enough, and in the afternoon, and the most important fact before us at present is that only seven weeks divide us from the spring. Seven weeks, mark you, less than 50 days. It is a dizzy thought.

Especially as we have had no winter. I am a little concerned about the winter, though. A few days ago I was sure the winter was coming because the robins had started to gang up on my winter berries. That is almost always a sure sign—they gang up and gorge and strip the bushes and then they head south, loaded with my groceries and without even a thank you.

But the robins have not gone south. They are still ganging up. They are still gorging, until there is hardly a berry left on my cotoneaster, May trees and mountain ash. Now I do not object to providing a handset to a weary traveler. I do not mind spending my summer and fall getting the berries ready if the robins use them to prepare for a southward trek into the land of the "Grapes of Wrath." But I certainly do not intend to hand over my whole cherry crop in June and my berry crop in January if the robins are merely making use of me, to enjoy a fat life of ease here in this climate.

What we need is a spot o' winter to drive these lazy good-for-nothings down south. They have red breasts, like that cocky bird just outside my window as I write this sentence. They are Reds. They think everything belongs to them and that I owe them a living. What we need is some winter.

## MINORITY

IT IS GOOD TO see that some of the Cana-

dian newspapers have had the courage to attack the absurd sentencing of three absurd men in Ontario to jail for distributing a pamphlet apparently demanding peace. In England, of course, you can demand peace as much as you please. Two noble lords demanded it in the Upper House the other day and nobody put them in jail. Lord Halifax merely replied that every man should say what he pleases and that the best way to deal with a "pathetic minority" is to let it talk so that they "have no soul of martyrdom in which to thrive."

About the same time they were taking a straw ballot over there and 10 per cent of those questioned said they wanted peace right away. Nobody interfered with them.

Over here we don't trust ourselves as a nation. We are not sure of ourselves as the British are, and we act like a nervous teenage boy whenever some long-haired fellow says the revolution is coming.

## Horoscope For 1940

By DOROTHY THOMPSON

and Poland.

Hitler will encourage the dissemination abroad of stories about discontent in Germany, hoping that the Allies will withhold an offensive while Germany organizes Russia. He believes time is on the side of Germany—time and revolutionary trends.

Hitler will seek to divert Russia away from the Balkans toward Iran and even India—encouraging Stalin to regard Britain as the prime enemy. He will try to draw the Balkans closer as sources of raw materials. He may make a deal with Stalin over Rumania, or keep him out of Rumania altogether, diverting him against the British Empire.

As a final diplomatic manoeuvre, he may agree to retire to his eagle's nest, in favor of Goering. This later move, however, will fail, for it would indicate no basic change.

I DO NOT THINK—though it certainly must not be precluded—that there will be a major German land offensive in the west.

I doubt it, because such an offensive would destroy Hitler's most effective political and diplomatic weapons, and he counts on these above everything. Hitler is not a general, he does not altogether trust his generals, and his is a successful revolutionary.

He may, however, if diplomatic measures fail, make a terrific air offensive against the British fleet and against British ports. The military outcome of that offensive is unpredictable, but the political results will be disastrous for Hitler.

HERE WILL BE purges in Germany. Mr. Ribbentrop will be one of the casualties.

A counter-peace offensive will come from neutral countries, with the support of strong elements in Great Britain and less strong elements in France.

This propaganda will not be very effective in Great Britain. It will have some effect in France, among the neutrals, and in the United States, particularly among the youth.

HITLER WILL thus count for some time further on diplomatic manoeuvring.

He will do this for several reasons. If he makes no major offensive, of the sort that will use up, rapidly, vast supplies of materials, he can weather the blockade for a considerable time to

## Letters to the Editor

### FOR APPLE SURPLUS

To the Editor: — We hear a great deal about a surplus of apples. Here's a suggestion: Let those having a surplus give them to the lads in navy blue. Take them or send them direct to the boats. There are 300 or more lads in each boat and they will soon eat up any surplus of apples or any other fruit! Such a gift to the lads will, I'm sure, be very sincerely appreciated.

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### TAXES FOR CATS

To the Editor: — In the interest of cats and birds it has long been a surprise to me that in this so-called enlightened age, nothing practical has been done for the protection of either. True the former prey on the latter, but to a large extent caused by innumerable cats being abandoned or insufficiently fed and looked after. It is apparently a recognized way of getting rid of unwanted cats by their owners to take them to the country in an automobile and leave them there to prey on wild birds and domestic fowls in farmyards, or die or starvation. Many cats are abandoned by persons in camps, or left to fend for themselves in the holiday season.

The fact is that cats are too cheap and easily acquired, and their keep is often got by annoying their more humane neighbors whose conscience will not allow them to see half starved cat.

How many homes there must be in Victoria where neighbors' cats are a nuisance and annoyance, and which would not be the case if the owners had to pay a tax on them, or the cats had to be purchased?

In this life what costs, nothing is often valued accordingly, and taxation of cats would mean that only those who really liked them, and were willing to feed and look after them would have a cat.

The taxation would be a legitimate source of revenue easily collected, the same as the dog tax. There could be certain exemptions, and the matter of the ways and means of taxation could readily be worked out by the city authorities, and with a penalty of double the amount of the tax, by way of fine, in case of attempted evasion.

Our bird life would also be better preserved by bringing kittens up to wear a small bell, which they would readily become accustomed to, and in that way save the life of many birds.

There must be at least 10,000 taxable cats in Greater Victoria, and of which probably 2,000 are not really wanted, having been obtained as kittens and subsequently merely tolerated by people who are too lazy and indifferent to look after and properly feed them. An ill-fed cat is also a ready source of contraction and dissemination of disease.

I understand that the city authorities have already considered this subject of taxation, from the point of revenue, and sincerely hope it is one matter that will receive the early attention of the 1940 council.

My interest in trying to arouse public opinion is a humanitarian one, and I feel sure will receive the support of the S.P.C.A. and other lovers of animals whether owners of cats, or interested in the better preservation of our bird life. Anyone really wanting a cat would not object to a small tax for it (and with an exemption from payment in the case of a neuter). The cruelty committed by many persons who have female cats, with innumerable unwanted offspring, would not so often occur if the owner had not only to pay a tax on the cat but also on the kittens.

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### WHY OUR CIVILIZATION IS DOOMED

To the Editor: — If our civilization, which is an organism, is in process of decay and therefore doomed to extinction, like the countless failures in organic evolution of which the fossil record informs us, it may be possible to guess at some of the causes—guessed founded on evidence which the fossil record does not supply.

So does Sir Peter Chalmers Mitchell hazard a possible explanation of the rapid lowering of the rate of reproduction among the races most deeply implicated in modern civilization. He states that biological statisticians have been noting this trend for the last 12 years, and have found evidence of it in nearly all the European races; but little notice of their conclusions was taken except by a few of those who were opposed to birth control. His interest, he states, became intensified in 1935, since which time doubts about the facts have been eliminated, and it now seems clear that the decrease in the birth rate is not due to any special factor such as birth control, but to a biological loss of fertility.

Sir Peter quotes R. F. Harrod of Christ Church, Oxford, who, in a letter to The Times (London) in June last, summed up the present state of knowledge by stating more people die than are born in Great Britain. "To raise the birth rate to the replacement level, it is necessary that the average number of children born should be increased by about one-third. The progressive loss of population, which will be consequent upon a failure of the birth rate to improve, is about one-quarter of the whole in every 30 years. And if mortality were so reduced that no one died before the age of 50—a miracle for which we can hardly hope—only about two-fifths of the deficiency

would be made good. The statements are simple and irrefutable."

Mr. Harrod suggests that when the gravity of the position is realized a royal commission should be appointed to consider the matter, and that it might do something about it, such as improvement in the diet and housing of the people, and still more important, economic changes which would give a sense of security to adults for themselves and for any children they might beget, would do more. But in these days of war and of vast expenditure on armaments it seems improbable that governments will think it possible to find the necessary money to preserve the nation from internal decay.

Sir Peter terminates his very interesting and enlightening article by stating it is an ironical reflection that our civilization is founded on Christianity, and that of all the physical functions the churches have taken reproduction most completely under their care. For it is in reproduction that we are crashing.

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### TAXING FOR SCHOOLS

To the Editor: — Our Minister of Finance, Mr. Hart, makes the statement that "not much can be done to take the school taxes off land, as it would mean raising \$7,000,000 of additional taxation, which is impossible."

Now this statement is both misleading and untrue. No one has asked the government to raise an additional dollar for school taxation. Of this Mr. Hart is well aware.

For 20 years the farmers have been asking for a redistribution of the present school taxation, which is something quite different and would not entail any new taxation whatever. Farmers can neither see justice nor common sense in subjecting land to a heavy yearly capital levy for school purposes—this is not done with bank balances, stocks, bonds, etc. Why should the land be singled out to carry the load of school taxation?

Now let us look at the results of the present form of capital levy on land. Farm buildings are falling to pieces, fences down, soil impoverished, the money that should take care of these things all goes in taxation. Young people leaving the countryside to swell the ranks of city unemployed and form a splendid breeding ground for the red element. Then look what it has done to the building industry. On account of high taxation very few people will build houses to rent and many people find it a losing game to own a home for the same reason, even with the bribe of a government loan. Give young people the choice of a house and baby, or a Ford and 95 per cent will take the latter.

Time and again both old parties have admitted the injustice of the present system of school taxation but no sooner do their members assemble at Victoria than they start in and give us a most disgraceful exhibition of petty bickering, thus proving them selves unfit to rule.

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### FINANCIAL FREEDOM

To the Editor: — These are days when we are led to believe the real fight is for freedom. As Hon. Peter Heenan, speaking at the Canadian club's Armistice day luncheon in New York, stated, Canada is determined to fight "until we are assured our religious and democratic institutions and all we hold most dear are amply safeguarded." Prior to the last federal election, Premier King promised to fight for freedom from bondage to the banking institutions in the matter of national finance. He recognized the fact of this financial slavery in these words: "Until the control of the issue of currency and credit is restored to the government and recognized as its most conspicuous and sacred responsibility, all talk of the sovereignty of parliament and of democracy is idle and futile." Canada has yet to gain control of the issue of credit, without which it is impossible to enjoy financial freedom or democracy. Since the outbreak of the war, New Zealand has gained permanent financial freedom and control of the nation's money and credit. It is the greatest single victory scored by a democratic country in ages. How long will it take Canada to also gain this financial freedom? Without it we will surely be worse off after the war than before.

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### CHARITY RACKETS

To the Editor: — A check-up of some of Victoria's charity activities would seem in order. Fortunately we are blessed with many responsible organizations to which one may give freely with safety, knowing every dime will be used for the purpose collected. However, in the racket variety a percentage is withheld.

The object and interest of charity racket collectors is varied. For instance, business, social, politics, or merely per-

sonal gain. Such racketeers are parasites.

As a public safeguard I suggest an official board of control of private citizens, which is the usual procedure in most regulated communities. To the honest there would be no fear of such a board, whose duty would be to O.K. intended public collections beforehand; also, check on the sum total. By this simple means would charity vultures be eliminated.

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### WHAT PRICE GOLD?

To the Editor: — The press says the present co-operation between Britain and France provides for (1) interchange of products, etc., and (2) direct exchanges of currency at a fixed relative value without involving gold operations (some people think it sounds like the hated German barter system).

It is proposed to form a federation of European states—a campaign for such a system along the lines of the present wartime collaboration between Great Britain and France has been started by the French press and radio.

As Uncle Sam now holds most

of the world's precious gold, this proposal for Europe to go off the gold standard entirely and leave him holding the bag makes him think he is about to be taken for a ride, and he is now talking about building 65,000-ton battleships—surely not to fight exhausted Japan?

In the dear old days beyond recall people spoke of the survival of the fittest, but the new streamlined structure is the survival of the slickest—for a time at least. How long is Uncle Sam going to continue paying \$35 an ounce for gold he does not need or want? If he continues buying he will eventually choke himself with the Golden Calf, and if he refuses to buy more his hoard will immediately decrease in value. Wake up, Oh Canada—coming events cast their shadows before.

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### GARRULOUS ECONOMISTS

To the Editor: — The very name "political economy" is nothing but meaningless words. Let the reader think it out for himself with the aid of a dictionary and see where he gets.

Students at the universities are given Smith's "Wealth of Nations." That book deals with the state of trade in Smith's day. Then, silver was legal tender. There was no paper "money" as we know it. The conditions existing then have long since passed away. His book is obsolete and worthless for present day purposes.

He says that labor is the best of value. How is it possible to value labor? Whistler wanted \$500 for half an hour's work. The ditch digger would be satisfied with 60 cents. What did regulate prices was the inexorable law of supply and demand and no one cared what labor went into an article. What is the value of Casa Loma? He talks about "circulating capital." Now whether "capital" be regarded as the tangible things around us, or the documents of title relating to those things such as mortgages, bonds, stock certificates, etc. "Capital does not circulate." It is only the medium of exchange that circulates and through the medium of exchange it is possible to convert one form of capital into money and into another investment, or goods.

It is the same with all these other self-styled economists and journalists. They talk all around the lot, use involved phrases and vague words and always miss the only essential point, viz: how to put money into the hands of the workers, so that they may buy all they have collectively produced.

W. A. CASE.

### BREAKING GOD'S LAW

To the Editor: — In Leviticus 26, God says: "If ye walk in my statutes, and keep My commandments, and do them . . . then I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid." How can we have love, unselfishness, the Golden Rule; unless we first love God, and keep His commandments? We read: "Thou shalt keep holy the Sabbath Day." Yet today, after nearly 2,000 years of professed love for God and Christianity, we still violate God's law—"thou shalt keep holy the Sabbath Day." For the second time in a few weeks in Victoria a show is being held on God's Holy Day, yet so far no protest has been made by anyone in authority. Does the Sabbath Day Observance Act mean nothing? Does God's law mean nothing? Can we preach from our pulpits and entreat people to come to pray, and yet stand by and see God's law violated? Do we really want peace? If so let us end all hypocrisy, and live the one and only way to obtain it.

DOROTHY E. ABRAHAM.  
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### CHARITY RACKETS

To the Editor: — A check-up of some of Victoria's charity activities would seem in order. Fortunately we are blessed with many responsible organizations to which one may give freely with safety, knowing every dime will be used for the purpose collected.

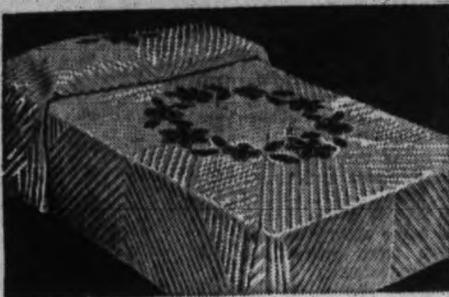
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Mr. and Mrs. Howard Denton, who were married at the First Baptist Church, Montreal, on December 23, and are now resident in Keremeos, B.C. Mrs. Denton is the daughter of Mrs. Everett of Wolfville, N.S., and the late Rev. J. Everett, and Mr. Denton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Denton, Victoria. Both are graduates of Acadia University.

### Mme. Casgrain May Be New Senator

MONTREAL (CP) — The Dominion government is reported to be on the eve of appointing Madame Pierre F. Casgrain, wife of the Speaker of the House of Commons, to the Senate, accord-

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### Highland Customs Observed at Wedding

With traditional Highland ceremony, the wedding of Miss Violet Gordon Paterson, younger daughter of Mrs. C. F. Paterson of Victoria and the late Wm. Paterson, and Piper Iain Gordon Wilson, 2nd Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment, C.A.S.F., only son of Capt. and Mrs. C. R. Wilson of "Heather Farm," Sidney, B.C., was solemnized last evening by Rev. J. L. W. McLean of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

The ceremony was performed at 8:30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Beastall, 1221 Oxford Street, old friends of the family, the rooms being effectively decorated with large yellow and white chrysanthemums.

The marriage united two old Scottish families. The bride comes of an old Ross-shire family, and the groom from Angus, the home of Queen Elizabeth, and he had the honor of piping before Her Majesty at the reception given to the men of Angus at Government House during the Royal Visit.

#### BRIDE "PIPED" IN

The bridegroom and most of the male guests were in Highland dress, and the bride was "piped in" to the strains of the Highland Wedding March. Given in marriage by Mr. Beastall, she was charming in her afternoon gown of hyacinth blue, with gold necklace of laurel leaves, and carried a bouquet of pink and rose carnations. Her sister, Miss Margaret Gordon Paterson, was her only attendant, wearing a grey frock with navy blue accessories, and a bouquet of carnations, and Mr. Jack Savage of Ladner, B.C., was groomsman.

The newspaper adds that appointment of Madame Casgrain would "give recognition to one of the most ardent feminist workers in the Dominion of Canada."

There are at present two women members in the red chamber, Senator Cairine Wilson of Ottawa, and Senator Iva Fallis of Peterborough, Ont. Madame Casgrain is a resident of Monreal.

### ENGAGEMENTS

CHAMBERLAIN—MERTON

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Merton, Hillside Avenue, announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Nellie, to Corporal Francis George Chamberlain, R.C.O.C., son of Mr. G. F. Chamberlain and the late Mrs. Chamberlain, Denman Street. The wedding to take place January 31 at 8 o'clock at St. John's Church.

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### Social and Personal

Mrs. Chator Payne of Vancouver is visiting in the city, and is the guest of Mrs. E. G. Prior, St. Charles Street.

Mrs. H. S. Cottingham entertained at dinner in Vancouver on Thursday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. MacPherson, who are leaving shortly for Ottawa.

Mrs. Aeneas Bell-Irving and her children, Darg and Penny, went over to Vancouver yesterday to be the guests of Mrs. Duncan Bell-Irving for a few days.

Mrs. Lynch Stanton and daughter, Evelyn, of Pincher Creek, Alberta, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bailey, Happy Valley.

Miss Catherine Seats, after spending the holiday season at her home at Glen Lake, has returned to her teaching duties up-island.

Mr. Wm. Matheson of the Maple Leaf Milling Company, Winnipeg, and Mrs. Matheson are the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Colin Matheson, "Six Acres," Colwood.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Swarder of Naramata, B.C., and their two sons, Jack and Roy, have returned to their home in the Okanagan after visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Griffith, Denison Road.

Mrs. W. Percy Roberts entertained at the tea hour at her home in Vancouver Thursday afternoon for Miss Beatrice Grant, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank C. Saunders, in the mainland city.

Mrs. Edith Boxall of Vancouver and her son, Frank, who have been spending the last three weeks as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Carney, Linden Avenue, will return home tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. Henry Howard, Foul Bay Road, and her daughter, Miss Lorna Howard, have returned from Vancouver, where they have been visiting Mrs. Howard's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. McC. Moore, formerly of Work Point Barracks, Victoria.

The bride's father, General Crerar, is senior officer of the Canadian military staff in London. The bridegroom, attached to the Royal Canadian Artillery, and formerly was on the staff of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation at Toronto.

Pleasant afternoons and evenings were spent recently at the home of Mr. Paul Schmelz, 322 Gorge Road West. Games, music and recitations were enjoyed. In addition to 40 guests from Victoria, others present were Mr. and Mrs. Miles Smith of Vancouver, Wash., and Mrs. M. G. Darwin and Miss Elizabeth Darwin of Vancouver, B.C.

Of interest to many friends here is the success attained by Hollywood's newest child actor, Henry Blair, who is appearing as Tad Lincoln in the film, "Abe Lincoln in Illinois." The six-year-old boy is a son of Mrs. Lewis H. Blakely, who was born in Vancouver. He is a grandson of Mr. W. J. Pollard, a Nanaimo pioneer, and a nephew of Mrs. G. M. Duncan of Victoria.

Further information may be obtained from Mrs. F. M. Bryant, convener, phone G 2969. This work is being undertaken solely by graduate nurses.



### British Girls Are Anxious to Aid Canadians

Many Applicants for Hostess Job at New Beaver Club

By GILLIS PURCELL  
Canadian Press Staff Writer  
LONDON—Canada House was inundated today with letters from women and girls in the British Isles who consider themselves the answer to the Canadian soldier's prayer.

The incoming correspondence resulted from an unauthorized London newspaper story saying "Mr. Vincent Massey, the High Commissioner for Canada, is looking for a woman who will combine the drive and kindness of Florence Nightingale and the sparkle and cheeriness of Gracie Fields."

It went on to say such would be the ideal hostess for the new Beaver Club, which will soon be ready for Canadian soldiers on leave here.

The flood of letters is a great tribute to the self-confidence of the United Kingdom's womanhood. The general tone of the replies was expressed by this from one letter:

"I feel sure I have all the qualifications you require."

Many included pictures, some in the uniform of auxiliary services, others in the bosoms of large families.

Generally high regard was shown by the Canadians thus: "I can't imagine anything I should like better than looking after the well-being of all those splendid Canadians."

The letters are being answered individually with the explanation that the news report was unauthorized.

### Musical Art Will Feature Organist

The next concert of the Victoria Musical Art Society on Monday, January 15, at the Shrine Auditorium, will undoubtedly be one of the most interesting of the season. A Hammond organ is being installed for the occasion, and several solos will be played by Mr. Edward Parsons, the well-known organist. One of Victoria's leading pianists, Miss Maquinna Daniels, will contribute a group of solos. The feature of this program will be the piano and organ groups which will include two movements of the Rachmaninoff Concerto.

Miss Winnifred Applegate, brilliant young soprano, will be heard in several solos. The following members of the Intermediate Musical Art Society will take part in quarter-hour junior program preceding the regular recital: Elaine Basanta, soprano; Julia Kent-Jones, violinist, and Robin Wood, pianist. Guest cards may be obtained at Fletcher Bros. Ltd.

Victoria Women's Institute will hold a military 500 card party at the Institute, 635 Fort Street, on Monday evening at 8:30. Refreshments will be served and the usual prizes given.

Miss Doris Kitt and Miss Wynne Hall entertained at a breakfast recently at the Dominion Hotel in honor of Miss Betty Teagle, who has since been married to Mr. G. D. Caird. A lovely corsage of amber-colored chrysanthemums was presented to the guest of honor upon her arrival. "Others present were Mrs. E. Holt, Mrs. Frank Bayliss, Mrs. Teagle, Miss Hazel Kitt and Miss Laura Harrison.

Miss Mary Edge, 3250 Alder Street, was hostess on Thursday evening to members of the Pastime Bridge Club. Prizes were presented to the winners, Miss Terry Wragg and Miss Phyllis Biles. Delightful refreshments were served by the hostess. The guest of the evening was Miss Agnes Stevenson. Those present included: Misses Sheila Balnes, Sue Good, Vera Hodgson, Edith Hodges, Terry Wragg, Grace Stevenson, Phyllis Biles and Mary Edge.

elect has been a popular member for ten years. Dancing was enjoyed and a buffet supper served from a prettily-decorated table. A panel of crepe paper extended down the white cloth and, rust-colored chrysanthemums, lighted by red tapers, formed the centre-piece for the table.

About 80 guests attended the delightful dance held by the intermediate group of the Victoria Musical Arts Society last night at the old Russian School of Dancing Hall, 737 Fort Street. The Yuletide motif was carried out in the decorations. The guests were welcomed by the two conveners, representatives of the senior society, Mrs. R. D. McCaw and Miss Beatrice Griffin, and among the special guests were Dr. and Mrs. T. W. A. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Cameron, Dr. and Mrs. Allan Peebles, and the president of the parent society, Mr. Dudley Wickett. Refreshments, under the convenership of Miss Elaine Basanta, were served at 10:30, after which dancing was resumed and kept up until midnight.

Miss Peggy Fisher and Mr. Thomas D. Jones, who are to be married next week, were guests of honor at a party held by St. Mark's A.Y.P.A. in the parish hall last night. During the evening, the president, Miss Margaret George, presented Miss Fisher with a handsome silver cake plate, suitably engraved. A corsage bouquet of pink carnations accompanied the gift together with the good wishes of the group, of which the bride

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## I.O.D.E. Bridge at Government House

Evening Party to Be Held January 24; Early Reservations

Government House will open its hospitable doors on Wednesday evening, January 24, for an informal bridge party under the auspices of the Municipal Chapter I.O.D.E. in aid of the order's war work.

Bridge and mah jong will be played, to commence at 8.30, and gentlemen as well as ladies will be welcomed. Six prizes have been donated by the chapter.

Arrangements for the affair are in the hands of the officers of Municipal Chapter. As accommodation is limited and the demand for tables promises to be large, reservations should be made as soon as possible to one or other of the following members of the committee:

Mrs. J. Kyrie Symons, G 6050; Mrs. Wm. Ellis, E 3536; Mrs. P. E. Corby, E 7718; Mrs. C. Wallace Wilson, E 7749; Mrs. F. F. Beckett, Colquitt, G 6849; Mrs. A. H. C. Phipps, G 6849; Mrs. J. T. Jones, E 3894; Mrs. Aubrey Kent, E 4948; Mrs. E. O. Weston and Mrs. R. Shanks.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Goldie (nee Margaret Armitage) and their attendants, Mr. Harvey Plaxton, and the Misses June Campbell and Adeline Clatworthy, photographed after their wedding at the Church of Our Lord recently.

—Photo by Gibson.

## News of Clubwomen --

Members of the George Jay Red Cross unit are notified that work will be resumed Tuesday next at 2 p.m. The home nursing class will recommence at 3 the same day.

The Navy League Chapter I.O.D.E. will meet Monday at 7.45 p.m. at headquarters.

The regular meeting of the Liberal Women's Forum will be held on Friday at 2.45.

St. Mary's Senior W.A. will hold its annual meeting in St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday next at 2.30 p.m.

The afternoon branch of St. John's W.A. will meet in the guild room at 2.30 on Tuesday.

There will be no meeting this month of the W.A. to the Imperial Comrades Association. The next meeting will be held on February 5 at 7.15 Courtney Street.

The Canadian Pacific Ladies' Lawn Bowling Club will hold a bridge tea next Wednesday at 2.15 p.m. in the Sons of England Hall, Broad Street.

The monthly meeting of the Dr. O. M. Jones Chapter will be held at headquarters Tuesday at 8 p.m. Nomination of officers will take place at this meeting.

Victoria Chapter Women of the Moose will hold their business meeting in the K. of P. Hall Monday at 8 p.m. There will be an initiation and members are asked to please bring refreshments.

The P.P.C.L.I. Women's Auxiliary will hold its annual meeting on Monday evening at 8 at the home of the president, Mrs. S. Mitchell, 517 Joffre Street. All members are requested to attend.

Mrs. Alfred Watt, M.B.E., will be the guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Royal Oak Women's Institute on Thursday next. Mrs. Watt will speak at 3.30 when visitors will be welcome.

The monthly meeting of the Oaklands P.T.A. will be held in the school auditorium Monday, January 8, at 8 p.m. Films from the school projector will be shown, followed by a musical program. An attendance prize will be awarded.

Ready-to-Help Circle, King's Daughters, will meet in the rest rooms Monday afternoon at 2.45.

St. Mark's W.A. will meet on Tuesday afternoon in the parish hall at 2.30.

The senior branch of St. Saviour's W.A. will meet on Monday afternoon at 2.30, in the guild room.

St. Paul's Naval and Garrison Church W.A. will meet on Tuesday evening at 7.30 p.m. for reports and election of officers.

W.A. No. 65 to Typographical Union 201 will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday afternoon at 2.30 in the S.O.E. Hall, Broad Street.

The Ladies' Guild of the Connaught Seamen's Institute will meet at the Seamen's Institute, Superior Street, Thursday next at 2.45.

The advisory board to Princess Margaret Rose Lodge No. 40, met recently to elect the officers, the following were elected:

Advisory president, Mrs. E. Swan; advisory vice-president, Mrs. M. Gosnell; secretary, Mrs. L. Bell; treasurer, Mrs. M. Warr; outer guard, Mrs. Baker; chaplain, Mrs. H. Baker; medical officer, Dr. J. H. Moore; auditors, Mrs. F. Smith, Mrs. F. G. Bridges, Mrs. A. McVie; trustees, Mrs. E. Aldridge and Mrs. F. Howe.

Princess Margaret Rose Lodge No. 40 met in the S.O.E. Hall recently. Miss Edna Maysmith presiding. Election of officers took place as follows: President, Miss Barbara McVie; vice-president, Miss Eileen House; chaplain, Miss Catherine Skinner; first guide, Miss Florence Vincent; second guide, Miss Doris Rawnsley; third guide, Miss Dorothy Vincent; fourth guide, Miss Rosemary Barber; fifth guide, Miss Dierdre McKenzie; sixth guide, Miss Brahma Hooper; inside guard, Miss Evelyn McLaren; outside guard, Miss Betty Leggett.

The Little Helpers of St. Paul's Naval and Garrison Church spent a happy afternoon when they gave a Christmas party to their relatives and friends in St. Paul's Hall. Three generations sat down to tea at four long tables, daintily decorated in yellow and mauve. Cakes decorated in the same colors were at the mothers' and grandmothers' tables, and a beautiful doll dressed in yellow and mauve silk sat on the children's table. This was later won by Mrs. G. Sisman. All present much enjoyed the games and Punch and Judy show. Each child brought a gift to be sold for charitable purposes. The home cooking stall was in charge of Mrs. Mee and Mrs. Jeames; needlework by Mrs. Hall and Mrs. McIlvenny. Mrs. Hall thanked Mrs. Crane on behalf of the mothers and presented her with a gift and bunch of violets and roses. Each child received a balloon from the Christmas tree before going home, on behalf of the senior W.A.

Oak Bay United Church W.A. met recently with the president, Mrs. G. Wilkinson, in the chair for the second year. Rev. F. Dredge took the devotional part and thanked the W.A. for their good work. The secretary, Mrs. W.G. Agar gave the reports for the year on the different groups. The treasurer, Mrs. W. J. Beeston, gave a satisfactory financial statement, the groups having made during the year \$725, of which \$500 was voted to the board of trustees towards the mortgage. The committee for quilts reported 13 made and sent to China, the prairie and up-island, and hope more of the ladies will help the good work along. The committee are:

President, Mrs. G. Wilkinson; first vice-president, Mrs. A. Tucker; second vice-president, Mrs. M. G. Moore; secretary, Mrs. W. G. Agar; treasurer, Mrs. W. J. Beeston; visiting, Mrs. F. Dredge; linen, Mrs. Mitchell; quilts, Mrs. Johnson; flowers, Mrs. Tucker; devotional, Mrs. Gerry; Red Cross, Mrs. Hudson; press, Mrs. M. G. Bullock.

—Photo by Cleop. F. Alford.

Mrs. Walter A. Lammers, formerly Isabelle Frances Freeze, who was married New Year's Day at Alberni and will make her home at Zeballos, V.I.

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## Miss Janet Southam Wed in Ottawa

OTTAWA (CP) — Janet Southam and Duncan, K. MacTavish, both prominent in Ottawa society, were married today in a quiet ceremony at Casa Loma, the home of the bride's parents in fashionable Rockcliffe Park.

Miss Southam is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Southam of Ottawa. Mr. MacTavish is the son of the late Judge and Mrs. D. B. MacTavish, Ottawa.

Rev. Alexander Ferguson of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, performed the ceremony before some 100 guests.

Miss Southam was attended by her sister, Ethel, as maid of honor, while Alastair MacTavish attended his brother.

Ushers included Gordon Southam of Vancouver and Robert Southam of Ottawa, brothers of the bride, and Henry R. T. Gill of Ottawa.

Young Artists Are Guests at Party

The Christmas party of Nelson Goodwin, who as Big Brother Al of the radio, invited 100 young artists who have appeared on his program during the year, was held as a happy evening by the little guests who enjoyed a dainty supper and refreshments at S.O.E. Hall last night, and sang and danced to their hearts' content, part of which time they were on the air.

Miss Annette Krag was hostess and Big Brother Al master of ceremonies. The guests assembled for supper at 5.30, many of them with parents or friends and with a wealth of entertaining talent available, presented a bright happy program of songs and dances and community singing.

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## Radio Programs

### Tonight

5  
Oboe's Plays—KOMO, KPO.

Reverie's Orchestra—KJR.

News—KGO.

Spelling Bee—KNX, KVL.

Fifth Quartet—KVR.

Share the Wealth—CBR.

Young's Children—KOL.

Ranger's Cabin—CJQR.

5:30  
Stop Me If You've Heard—KOMO, KPO.

Youth vs. Age—KJR, KGO.

Wayne King Orchestra—KIRO, KNX, KVI.

CBR.

Bill Davis—KOL.

Elmer Davis—KIRO, KNX, KVI, at 5:55.

Interlude—CBR at 5:55.

6  
Clinic's Orchestra—KOMO, KPO.

Green Hornet—KJR, KGO.

Gluskin's Orchestra—KIRO, KVI.

Calling All Cars—KNX.

Canadiens vs. Toronto; Hockey—CBR.

6:30  
Paul Carson—KPO.

News—KJR, KOL.

Maurice's Orchestra—KGO.

Bob Hope—KJR, KGO.

Dorothy Corrigan—KNX.

Night Serenade—KIRO, KNX, KVI, at 6:45.

Betty Jane Rhodes—KOL at 6:45.

News—CJQR at 6:45.

7:30  
What's My Name—KOMO, KPO.

News—CBR.

Imperial Intrigue—KOL.

Sports Huddle—KIRO, KNX, KVI at 7:45.

8  
Barn Dance—KOMO, KPO.

News—KNX, KVI.

Housewives—KOL.

Nobie's Orchestra—KNX, KVI, at 8:15.

Sons of Pioneers—KOL at 8:15.

9:30  
Reid's Orchestra—KOMO, KPO.

Green Hornet—KJR, KGO.

Old Brigade—CBR.

New—KOL, CJQR.

Elmer Davis—KOL, KVI, at 9:15.

Basketball—CBR at 9:15.

9:30  
City of St. Francis—KPO, KGO.

Happy Valley—CBR.

Death of Groucho—KOL.

Chester's Orchestra—KIRO, KVI, at 9:45.

Vans' Orchestra—KNX, at 9:45.

10  
Courtney's Orchestra—KJR, KGO, CBR.

Glenn Miller—KJR, KNO, KVI.

News—CBR at 5:45.

11  
Nottingham's Orchestra—KOMO, KPO.

Paul Carson—KPO, KJR, KGO.

Bill Henry—KJR, KGO.

Lord's Orchestra—KJR, KGO.

Walsh's Orchestra—KJR, KGO.

Sports News—KNX at 10:15.

11:30  
Lyleland's Orchestra—KOMO, KPO.

News—KJR, KNO, KNX, CBR, KOL.

Music Box—CBR at 11:15.

Van's Orchestra—KOL at 11:15.

Tomorrow  
8  
News—KOMO, KPO, KGO.

West Coast Church—KIRO, KNX, KVI.

News—KJR, KGO.

Brooks' Al Held—KOL.

Locan's Musical—KOMO, KPO at 8:05.

Alice Remen—KGO at 8:05.

Neighbor Bell—KOL at 8:15.

8:30  
Music and American Youth—KOMO, KPO.

Southerners—KJR, CBR.

Major Bowes—Family—KNX, KVI.

Bill Henry—KJR.

Canary Chorus—KOL at 8:45.

9  
Radio City Music Hall—KJR, KGO.

Singing Quartet—KOL.

Church of All—CBR.

Oyanquen—KPO at 9:15.

Julie Martines—CBR at 9:15.

9:30  
On Your Job—KOMO, KPO.

Salt Lake Tabernacle—KIRO, KNX, KVI.

News—CBR.

Answers With Life—KOL.

Requests—CJQR.

Romer Rhodes—KOL at 9:45.

10  
Pilgrimage of Poetry—KOMO, KGO.

Old Country Mail—CBR.

Summer Prindle—KOL.

Music for Moderns—KOMO at 10:15.

Romance of Highways—KOL at 10:15.

10:30  
From Hollywood Today—KOMO, KPO.

TV—KVI, KJR, KPO.

And It Came to Pass—CBR.

Metropolitan Moods—KJR at 10:45.

Grand Hotel—KJR, KVI, at 10:45.

Symphony—KOL at 10:45.

11  
Round-table Discussion—KOMO, KPO.

News and Rhythm—KNO.

Devotional Service—CBR.

News—KJR, KVI at 11:55.

12  
Cloutier's Orchestra—KJR, KGO.

New York Philharmonic Concert—KNX.

Heart Strings—KJR at 12:15.

12:30  
News—KOMO, KPO, KGO.

Tapestry Musical—KJR.

Haven of Rest—KOL.

Elmer Davis—KOMO, KPO at 12:45.

Bulletin—CJQR at 12:45.

1  
I Want a Divorce—KOMO, KPO.

George's Orchestra—KJR, KGO.

Children's Children—KOL.

Singin—CJQR.

1:30  
World Is Yours—KOMO, KPO.

George's Orchestra—KJR, KGO.

Pursuit of Happiness—KNX, KVI.

Musically Speaking—CBR.

Lutheran Hour—KOL.

Music—CBR.

Music Comedy—CBR at 1:45.

George Boyd—CJQR at 1:45.

2  
Orchestra—KOMO, KPO.

Vagabonds—KJR, KGO.

Spelling Bee—KNX, KVL.

Church of All—CBR.

Bob Becker—KOMO, KPO at 2:15.

Along the News Front—KJR, KGO at 2:15.

2:30  
Present—CJQR.

Metropolitan Opera Auditions—KJR, KGO.

Moments of Melody—CBR.

NIGHT EDITOR—KOMO, KPO.

News—KJR, CBR.

William's Orchestra—KJR, KGO.

Irene Rich—KOMO, KPO at 8:15.

Mesmer's Orchestra—KGO at 8:05.

Stevie—CBR at 8:15.

Rabbit, Ergur Magnin—KOL at 8:15.

8:30  
Jack Benny—KOMO, KPO.

Love and Laughter—KJR, KGO.

March of the California—KJR, KVI.

Brynn's Orchestra—KOL.

Owens' Orchestra—KNX, KVI.

Parker Family—KOMO, KPO at 9:15.

9:30  
Walter Winchell—KOMO, KPO.

District Attorney—KJR, KGO.

Spikes—CBR at 9:15.

News—CJQR.

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Reed—CBR.

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Nottingham's Orchestra—KOL at 11:15.

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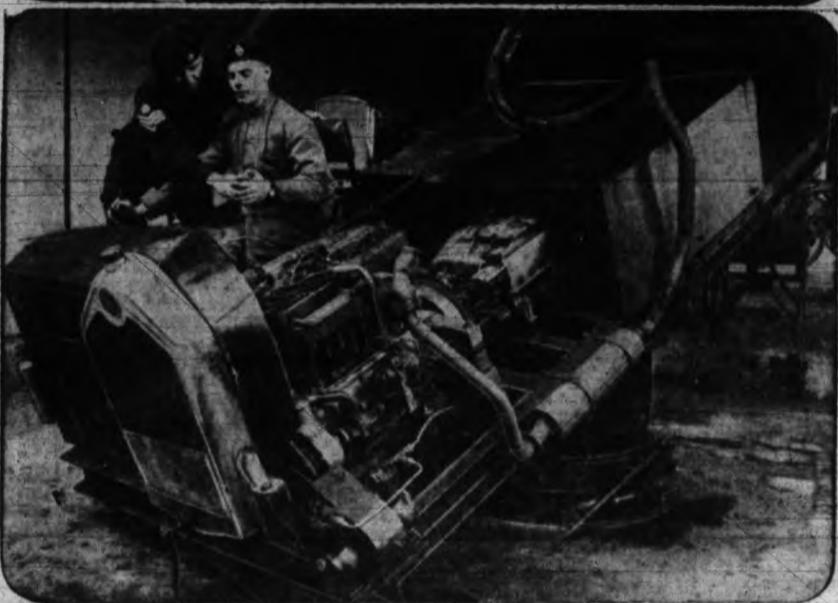
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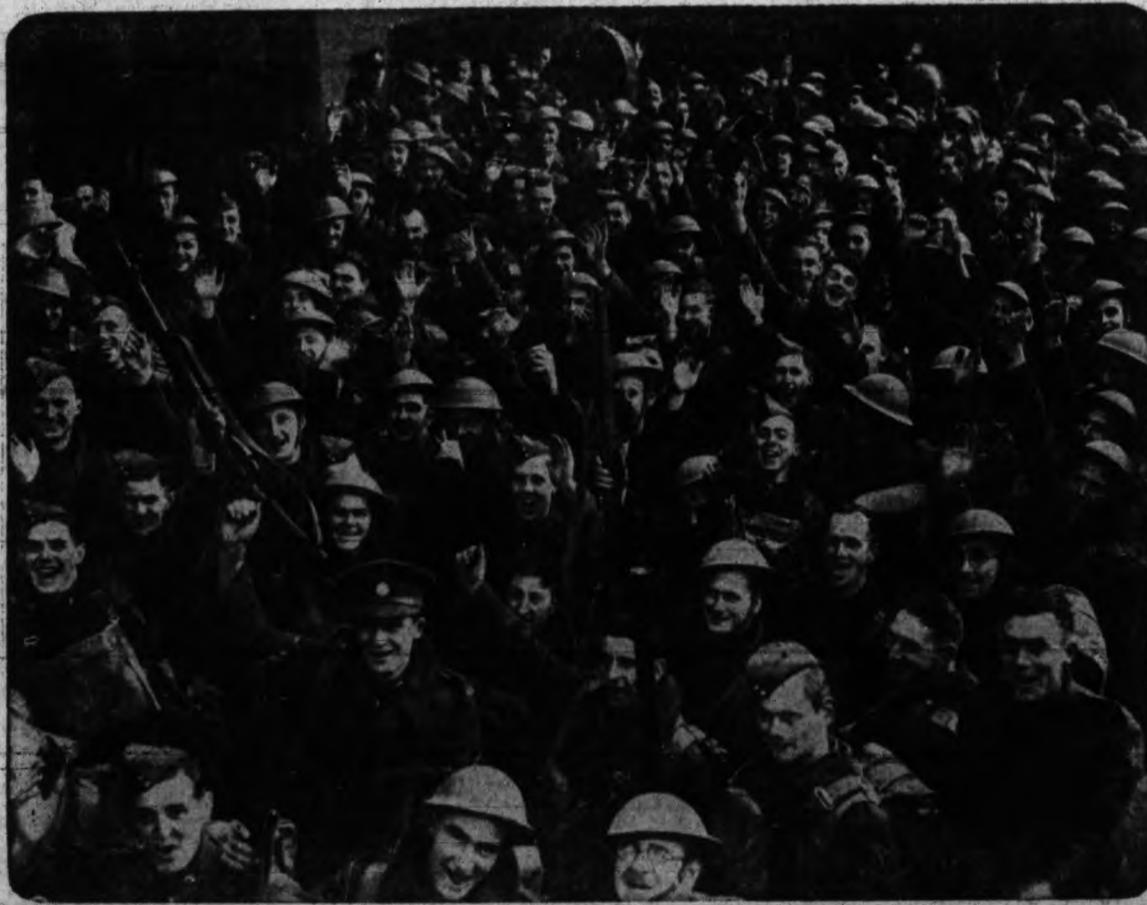
## Future Masters of War Monsters



The handling of war tanks requires a long and exhaustive course of training, two phases of which are shown in the photos. Top, a class of drivers in training receives a lecture on road sense, illustrated by working models. Lower, this picture shows a pupil receiving instructions in a "tank trainer," a unique device which gives the soldier practical training under conditions closely approximating those which he will meet when he actually begins to drive tanks over rough ground.



**SUB SURVIVORS AT MERCY OF SEAS**—It's the end of the career for a German submarine. Fallen victim to the relentless pursuit of a British destroyer, the undersea boat came to the surface to discharge her crew. Under the destroyer's guns they surrendered, and British seamen put out in boats to rescue the survivors. Three of the Germans can be seen on the right as they swim directly for the destroyer while boats pick up others of the sub's crew.



**THRILLED TO BE ON THEIR WAY 'UP THE LINE'**—Here's a striking picture which shows how glad British Tommies are when they feel French soil under their feet. Each week sees thousands of cheering soldiers carried safely across the English Channel to reinforce the troops already "up the line." This photo was taken as the soldiers disembarked at a port "somewhere in France."



**R.C.A.F. OFFICERS FOR OVERSEAS**—Here are seven of the 25 officers of the Royal Canadian Air Force who will comprise the officer personnel of the Army Co-operation Squadron which will serve overseas with the First Division, C.A.S.F., left to right: Flying Officer C. W. Trevens, Flying Officer George H. Elms, Flying Officer R. C. A. Waddell, Squadron Leader W. D. Van Vliet of Ottawa; Flying Officer W. G. Middlebro, Pilot Officer H. A. Hornell, and Pilot Officer J. D. Patterson.



**AUSSIES' HARDEN UP**—Training for the time when they will take their places beside British and French troops in the line, these Australian soldiers are being hardened by stiff drilling. Route marches under full pack form an important part of the training, as shown above.



**CLEO'S FIGURE IS DOOMED**—It looks like Cleo will lose her figure after all. Now back on regular rations, this Kansas City hippopotamus is rapidly regaining the five pounds she lost in 10 days of dieting. Zoo officials tried to cut her to two bushels of vegetables and a half bale of hay daily, but found their temperamental hippo quite content to keep her 4,500 pounds.



**BRITAIN'S AIR CHIEFS COUNT THE DAYS**—As the war grows older, Allied air fleets gradually are assuming the upper hand over Germany's vaunted force. American factories add their output to increased production of Allied airplane plants. Already Britain has taken the offensive in the air with patrols over German bases. The men who direct these activities and who wait for the day when supremacy in the air is unchallenged, are Britain's air minister, Sir Kingsley Wood (seated) and Air Chief Marshal Sir Cyril Newall, chief of the air staff.



**DIPLOMATS ATTEND FETE**—Discarding the simple rags of the proletarians for the glamorous garb of the capitalists, Russian Ambassador Constantine A. Aumansky and Mrs. Oumansky attended the annual White House fete for foreign diplomats. To the relief of Washington officials, no social crises developed among the representatives of six warring nations present at the festivities.

Finnish Minister Hjalmar J. Procopio seemed undisturbed by the presence of the Russian ambassador at the White House diplomatic reception. There were no international incidents.



**\$18,000,000 WORTH OF WAR SUPPLIES FOR ALLIES**—Assembled in the free trade zone at Staten Island, N.Y., more than \$18,000,000 worth of war equipment, purchased in the United States for the war requirements of England and France, awaits the freighters and the loading facilities that will start it on its way to Europe. Here are some of the shipments piling up on the wharves, proof positive that the Allies are well able to secure the war essentials available under the cash-and-carry provisions of the revised Neutrality Act. At left, equipment for both air and ground fighters can be seen—tractors on the dock and aircraft on the freighter's deck. At right, one of the giant trench-diggers, part of a \$3,000,000 order which should make life easier for the Tommies and poilus on the western front.

# Changes in Tide Likely

## Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY

SIX-DAY BIKE RACING appears to be fading from the sports picture. Whereas a little more than a decade ago the sport flourished, the pedal-pushers now find dates are becoming few and far between. New York interest has dropped appreciably. Chicago is now the best spot. The European situation has hurt. Bike racing is the most cosmopolitan of all sports, and the war has prevented the promoters from obtaining the newer and better foreign riders.

Gustav Killian and Heinz Vopel, best team in the business, are serving in the German army. The French duo, Ignat and Diot, have been called to the colors. Italian riders are not in the army, but they are not allowed to leave the country because of conscription laws.

Harry Mendel, the bike racing czar, lists the inability to get a December date in Madison Square Garden, New York, as one of the big reasons why attendance has fallen off so much the last two years. For 45 years the bikes had the first week in December in the Garden. Fans did not have to read newspapers to know the pedal-pushers were in town. They came to expect it. Not a single show lost money, and in 1928 one Manhattan race grossed \$350,000.

Col. John Reed Kilpatrick, president of the Garden, regards bikers as not quite society enough for the plant and is largely responsible for promoters of the whirr not getting December dates. Kilpatrick prefers ice revues and horse shows, even though the bikers long have been among the Garden's most profitable tenants. The Garden's refusal to scale the house lower for the bike races has not helped much either.

Although there is plenty of action, many suspect there is too much hippodrome to the sport. A big complaint is that it is too monotonous. The last race in New York was cut to five days.

Lack of outdoor tracks — very popular a few years back — has slowed the sport down. The bikes aren't in the people's minds as they used to be. There are too many counter attractions like ice shows, hockey and basketball. There's the cynical element, too, who liken bike racing to wrestling . . . regard it with tongue in cheek. There's no comparison, however. Broken collar bones, nasty splinter wounds and such, are proof enough that participants take a chance. But some people are hard to convince. Those are the folks who stay away from the bike races.

Dr. Al Gries and Jack Hulme, team physician and trainer respectively of Penn State's football team, offer some interesting figures in recapitulating their work with the squad during 1939. The Nittany Lions used up 150 boxes of adhesive tape, which strips one inch wide would stretch 10 miles. The medical report revealed that in addition to three men who were lost for the season because of injuries, 26 grididers were hospitalized for at least one night, and that 2,829 "treatments" were given in the training room before or after practice sessions or games. A treatment is listed every time a player received special attention from team physician or trainer, such as bandaging a wrist, knee or ankle, or even so much as applying a germicidal solution for cuts and bruises.

Jimmy Dykes, Chicago White Sox baseball team's manager, says that whenever he gets a case of "nerves" during the winter he goes to New York and cures it by watching Red Dutton, manager of the New York American hockey team, in action. "Every time I think I'm ready for a padded cell I watch Red fidget down there," says Dykes. "Then I feel safe . . . because he's at least five years ahead of me when it comes to jitters, and I know they won't cart me away when they get him first."

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## Hutchinson Is Not Worrying

SEATTLE, Wash. (AP) — Freddie Hutchinson, 1939's publicized major league rookie pitcher who likes his base hits as well as his shutouts, isn't worrying about the 1940 baseball campaign.

The Rep selection committee attended at Macdonald Park this afternoon, where all senior fifteen saw action, to single out the best material to form the Tide for the important engagement.

The changes are not expected to be heavy. But since the last intercity game Army players have been made available and as there is some experienced oval ball warriors in khaki they will probably be utilized.

Reports have it that Bill Smith, Navy, the Tide's captain and five-eighths, will not be in uniform for the game. He's planning to hang up his boots. When threatened such action before the last game but was persuaded to turn out. If this report is authentic, it will probably mean Jack Grogan or Harry Barber will be moved up to fill in the flyhalf position.

Freddie Smith, Doug Willard and Tom Carney, a soldier trio, are three good backfield men who might get the nod from the selectors. The backfield was the Tide's weak spot in its great battle with Vancouver Reps here on Boxing Day — Victoria won 8 to 6 — but this was chiefly due to a sensational season in the Coast League.

### WAS RECALLED

In late season he was recalled and won three and lost six with Detroit. He denies stories the Tigers tried to change his pitching style.

If anybody changed it, it must have been myself. Nobody else did. When you're right the plate looks so close you can reach right out and touch it. When you're off, it looks the size of a dime and a block away. But control isn't everything. You've got to have your stuff, too."

The Tigers finished fifth in American League standings, but it will be different this year, Hutchinson declares.

Injuries and slumps hurt us last season. Addition of Bartell at short and Wally Moses in the outfield should help us. Greenberg should go better. Gehring will be over his injuries. And — I hope I go better, too."

## Apostoli Wins Bruising Scrap

NEW YORK (AP) — Ex-middleweight champion Fred Apostoli won a close decision over Mello Bettina in Madison Square Garden last night, in his debut as a light-heavyweight, but after they had staggered through 12 rounds they left the impression that the current 175-pound king, Billy Conn, could whip both of them on the same night. Apostoli weighed 169½; Bettina, 174.

Through the last four rounds there was more clinching than fighting, and Referee Johnny McAvoy was doing most of the work breaking them. Time after time he warned Bettina, who held the light-heavyweight championship until Conn came along, for holding in the clinches.

A crowd of 7,707 contributing a gross gate of \$19,627, turned out for the show.

### THREE KNOCKDOWNS

There were three knockdowns, Apostoli going down for counts of eight and nine in the second and third rounds and Bettina collapsing on the canvas for a nine count in the tenth.

The decision was a split one, with Referee McAvoy and Judge Artie McGovern voting for Apostoli, largely because of Bettina's holding tactics, and Judge Charley Draycott — balloting for the Beacon, N.Y., southpaw. The Associated Press card gave each six rounds, but did not penalize Bettina for holding, since Referee McAvoy made no announcement.

In main preliminary bouts, Anton Christoforidis, 166½, of Greece, making his American debut, punched out an eight-round decision victory over Willie Pavlovich, 173½, Brooklyn, and Harry Balsamo, 165½, of Long Island, and Stan Hazzard, 166, Yonkers, N.Y., went to a draw.

## WRESTLING CARD FOR THIS EVENING

Regular Saturday night wrestling card will be presented in the Army and Navy Veterans auditorium, Wharf Street, tonight, starting at 8:30.

The complete card follows:

Lionel Speller vs. Jim Casey, three five-minute rounds.

Mohan Singh vs. Larry Bedding, four five-minute rounds.

George Wilson, Los Angeles, vs. Mel Peters, Seattle, five eight-minute rounds.

Bob Kruse, Portland, vs. Pat Reiter, New York, eight 10-minute rounds.

Bob Kruse, Cross Roads, Everett, Washington, vs. Star Stepper, Dusty, Grand Day.



ADVICE FROM BIG BROTHER JOE — Joe DiMaggio, left, tells his kid brother, Dominic, how to become the most valuable player in American League. Joe should know. He was voted such in 1939 and New York Yankees have been world baseball champions since he joined them four years ago. Dominic reports to Boston Red Sox next spring.

### British Soccer

## Pacemakers Victors

LONDON (CP) — Pacemaking squads in the United Kingdom's regional soccer groups turned in victories in most of today's games.

Practically all teams were in action, but there were a few postponements, and the Norwich City-Charlton Athletic encounter was abandoned with the former leading 1 to 0.

Recovering from recent lapses, Glasgow Rangers trounced Queen's Park 4 to 0, but the famous light blues continue to share leadership in the Scottish west league with Queen of South winner 3 to 0 over Morton. Falkirk went into undisputed possession of top place in the Scottish east section by blanking Alloa 2 to 0, while Hearts, runners-up, were held to a 2 to 2 draw at King's Park.

Everton and Liverpool emerged with a four-way tie to take joint leadership of the English western section. The toffees-makers edged over a 3 to 2 verdict over Middlesbrough United and Liverpool swamped Manchester City 7 to 3. Newcastle United went out in front in the northeast, but Bury and Preston North End remain deadlocked at the top of the northwest section.

The Arsenal-Tottenham Hotspur match was postponed, but the Gunners have a big lead in south A group. In south B Bournemouth and Queen's Park Rangers were both successful.

Scores follow:

### South A

Crystal Palace 1, Clapton 1. Millwall 1, Watford 1. Norwich 1, Charlton 0 (abandoned).

Tottenham-Arsenal postponed. West Ham 4, Southend 0.

### Western

Chester 1, Crewe 0. Everton 3, Manchester United 2.

Manchester City 3, Liverpool 7.

New Brighton 2, Port Vale 2.

Stockport 0, Wrexham 1.

Stoke 1, Tranmere 0.

### Northwestern

Arcington 1, Bolton 1.

Barrow 5, Burnley 2.

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## Big Train' of Canadian Sport Succeeds in Politics

TORONTO (CP) — Lionel Conacher, the big train of Canadian sport, is still going places but it's not on the playing field.

It's in provincial politics and after two years as a legislator he is mentioned as cabinet minister.

Conacher made the jump from professional hockey into the political field in the same faultless style in which he ran a broken field in rugby or broke through for a shot on goal in lacrosse or hockey.

His first move in the Ontario Legislature, to which he was elected in 1937 as member for Toronto Beacondale, was directed to wiping out "bootleg" boxing in the province. The legislature approved his bill bringing all boxing, amateur and professional, under the control of the Ontario Athletic Commission.

In submitting his bill Conacher noted how unprincipled promoters gained control of promising amateurs and entered them in small town shows, sometimes as often as three times weekly. The boys, he said, were being ruined

in health and hijacked out of money promised them.

### CONTROL ALL AREAS

Recently-appointed chairman of the O.A.C. after serving as vice

chairman, Conacher immediately began to put his legislation to work. Regional representatives were appointed and through these men, the O.A.C. will have constant supervision in all areas.

Conacher said his aim is to stage annual tournaments such as the Golden Gloves competitions across the border. Elimination shows will be staged in various centres, the winners fighting in Toronto for Ontario honors.

The boxers will be handled by clubs and once a boy joins a club he will remain with it until formally released. In this way the O.A.C. keeps tab on the lad until he turns pro. Managers among the amateurs are tabbed.

Conacher played with two world championship hockey teams — Chicago Black Hawks and Montreal Maroons and it was with the Maroons that he last played in 1935-1936. He has played on Canadian championship teams in rugby and hockey and once held a national boxing title. But, he says regretfully, he never was on a championship lacrosse team and lacrosse was his favorite sport.

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### FAIRWAYS HEAVY

Clear skies prevailed all day but the fairways were still heavy, particularly for the early starters in the field of 141, from Thursday's rain.

Eleven players were listed in the 71s, nine in the 72s, 11 in the 73s, and the 74s were bulging with 21, with Dick Metz of Oak Park, Ill., and John Montague, Beverly Hills, Calif., the last to make this nonselect group. It became apparent that it would be a tight fight to get in the list of 90 who will continue in the tournament after today's 18 holes.

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11 PLAYERS WERE LISTED IN THE 71S, NINE IN THE 7

## CAR FATALITY WAS ACCIDENT

A verdict of accidental death was returned by a coroner's jury at an inquest conducted at McCall's Funeral Home today by Dr. E. C. Hart, over the death of Bessie Winnifred Butler, 41, of Vancouver. Miss Butler died in the Jubilee Hospital on Wednesday evening from injuries received when her car skidded on an icy stretch of road on Shelbourne Street, half a mile north of Hillside Avenue, early last Saturday morning, and collided with another car driven by A. A. Franklin, Ruby Road.

Testimony was given by William Butler, brother of the deceased, who said his sister was in good health and had driven a car for many years.

Dr. Charles Duck said Miss Butler received a cut over the right eye, requiring the use of two surgical clips. At the post mortem examination it was found that death was due to a small fracture of the skull, shock and pneumonia.

A. A. Franklin, driver of a light delivery truck, which was struck by Miss Butler's automobile, testified the roads were clear of traffic, and as he saw Miss Butler's car coming towards him it seemed to swerve, then when it was about 40 feet from his, it swerved again, this time directly in front of his own car. Franklin said he applied the brakes of his car and came to a quick stop, but Miss Butler's car skidded and struck his small truck, then swung completely around and came to rest in a ditch.

Leslie Van Nes, a witness who was riding his bicycle to work, testified that Miss Butler's car passed him and seemed to be proceeding under control until it was close to the Franklin truck, then skidded in front of the truck. Van Nes said the roads were icy in spots, visibility was good and there was no frost or steam on the windshield of the Butler car, which was a small English make. The windows on the right-hand side of Miss Butler's car were smashed. The driver's seat was on the left-hand side.

Constable Victor Smith of the Saanich Police testified he took measurements of skidmarks, which showed that the Franklin car skidded less than two feet and that Miss Butler had evidently lost control of the lighter car on the icy road. Constable Smith also described the damage on the

## TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

LAST SMALL GREY CAIRN PUPPY: Reward

## Meet Thursday On Water Rate

Preliminary arrangements for negotiations with the Public Utilities Commission and Oak Bay over the water rate to be charged that municipality by the city, will be made at a meeting of the R.N.W. and C.M. police will attend.

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## Must Carry Fisherman Mile Over Cliffs

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The police boat en route will pick up a doctor and medical supplies to administer to the rugged captain who survived three weeks' exposure without food and was found Thursday by Constable E. Lockwood of the Port Alice detachment of the B.C. Police and assisting searchers.

A wire to provincial headquarters from Constable Lockwood today said a doctor was urgently needed and a beacon fire would be maintained on the beach at Brooks Bay, a mile east of Lawn Point where a temporary shelter has been made for the stricken man.

Constable Lockwood today was at Quatsino with William Istad after leaving Corral Howe and S. Istad with Skinner. Istad will make the return trip immediately with food and supplies and Constable Lockwood will await the arrival of medical aid at Quatsino to guide it to Captain Skinner.

## TWO-DAY TREK

"Istad and I arrived Quatsino last night after walking beach two days. Istad making return trip same route with help and supplies today. Will take two days," said dispatch from Lockwood.

"Send good boat with good life-boat to Brooks Bay immediately. Landing can be made at Shelter Shed, one mile east Lawn Point. Skinner will have to be carried over cliffs to Shelter Shed. Fire being kept on beach."

First intimation Skinner had been found alive came from Ss. Princess Maquinna, which wireless an appeal for patrol boats and a doctor. The captain was reported in a desperately weakened condition.

Capt. Skinner was on the fishpacker Great Northern V, December 14, when it was driven ashore. His son, Hugh, who was with him, walked for miles, barefooted, along a beach in search of help before he was picked up. Engaged Ted Barnard was washed overboard in the high seas and drowned.

Lawn Point is one of the most exposed parts of the coast, just south of the entrance to Quatsino Sound. When his son left him three weeks ago Capt. Skinner found shelter in a deserted fisherman's shack. He had no food and his clothes were in rags.

In Vancouver the captain's family was overcome with joy. All had given him up for lost. Hugh, 22, is still in a Vancouver hospital, suffering from badly infected feet. Rocks cut his feet so badly as he walked for help that it was necessary to amputate two toes. He was rescued by a Ginger Coote plane.

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## Obituaries

PORTER — A large congregation attended the funeral of James Henry Porter at St. Paul's Naval and Garrison Church, Esquimalt, yesterday afternoon. Rev. Arthur Bischlager officiating. The following were the pallbearers: Reeve Alex Ley, B. Jacklin, A. Potts, A. Pember, W. C. Martin and H. Martin. The remains were laid at rest in the Naval Cemetery. Haywood's B.C. Funeral Co. was in charge of arrangements.

MCGHEE — Funeral services for Alexander McGhee took place Thursday afternoon from Sands Mortuary Ltd. Rev. H. A. McLeod conducted the service. The following acted as pallbearers: R. Pearce, William Clews, William Potter, J. LeLong, G. Boulton and A. Wilson. Internment took place in Colwood Burial Park.

HOGARTH — Canon S. J. Wickens conducted services at the Thomson Funeral Home this morning for Leonard Hogarth, followed by interment Colwood Burial Park. Acting as pallbearers were: J. Jones, J. Hayhoe, A. Jewett and R. J. Allin.

## Cedar Shingle Men Meet in Seattle

Manufacturers of red cedar shingles in British Columbia, Washington and Oregon will meet in Seattle January 12 for the annual convention of the Red Cedar Shingle Bureau.

One of the largest forest products organizations on the continent, the manufacturers will survey unusually bright prospects for the year and lay down a merchandising program for the industry which has an output of some \$35,000,000.

Speakers at the gathering will include Roger S. Finkbine of Des Moines, Iowa, president of the National Retail Lumber Dealers' Association; C. A. Pickett, secretary-manager of the Lumbermen's Association of Texas, and D. M. Botsford, president of the Botsford, Constantine and Gardner advertising agency.

## Overnight Entries At Fair Grounds

First race—Five furlongs: Nigretta 166, Plucky Byrd 112, Set Pat 107, World War 103, Little Big 107, Carrington 116, Lazarus 116, Macawee 105, Princess 116, Gandy Boy 112, Brightstone 112, Lottery 102.

Second race—Six furlongs: Taranto 114, Ma 114, Judge Biddle 114, Jerry B. 114, Sunlite 114, Neptune 114, High Girl 114, Palomino 114, Super Girl 114, Lightning 109, Suppliance 114, Roseman 114, Minimoth 114, Rollo Easy 114, Queen 109, Alma Nugget 109, Indians 114.

Third race—Five and a half furlongs: Wilda 106, Miss Imperial 116, Ann McDonald 111, Ramrod 111, Imperial Mary 104, Pick 104, Redhead 104, Piping 104, Bitch 104, Gandy 104, Gallop 104, Star 104, Morris 112, Wacky Jack 108, Conville 108, Molasses 112, Clarion 112, Star 112, Bluebird 112, Show 114, Sybil T. 111, Bluebird 111, Star 111, Peace Felover 111, Monies 111, Maxie 111, Rye Beach 107, Woodie 110, Riss 98.

Fourth race—Mile and a half: Henry 107, Pick 106, Redhead 106, Piping 106, Wacky Jack 106, My Gracious 111, Burr Hickman 107, Nemont 112, Parada 109, Mardrom 104, Makala 102, Easterner 109, Sometime 106, Sylacuse 109, Down Payment 114.

Seventh race—Mile and a sixteenth: Nigretta 114, Alres 109, Maleo 107, Pick 107, Redhead 107, Piping 107, Wacky Jack 107, My Gracious 111, Burr Hickman 107, Nemont 112, Parada 109, Mardrom 104, Makala 102, Easterner 109, Sometime 106, Sylacuse 109, Down Payment 114.

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## Announcements

## BORN

CHATELL—To Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Chat-  
tell (nee Netta Sneddon), of 248½  
Willow Road, at St. Joseph's Hos-  
pital, on January 2, 1940, a daughter.  
Both doing well.

## DIED

STEVENS—There passed away at the  
family residence, 174 Buxby Street,  
on Friday, January 5, Ada Stevens,  
aged 77 years. The late Mrs. Stevens  
was born in Cumbria, England, and  
had been a resident of this city for the  
last 48 years. She is survived by her  
husband, C. Stevens, of this residence;  
two sons, Herbert J. Jr. and  
Clarence G.; one daughter, Michaeline  
Maud; one sister, Mrs. Ethel Illing-  
worth, of Victoria; also two grand-  
children.The remains are resting at McCall Bros.  
Funeral Home, where funeral services will  
be conducted on Monday afternoon at 2  
p.m. Rev. C. D. Clarke will officiate.  
Interment will take place in Greenwood  
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Wednesday, January 3, Adam Jones  
Neilson of 1603 Russell Street, aged 83  
years, beloved husband of Elizabeth  
Neilson, nee McNeil. Mr. Neilson was  
born in Bruce Mines, Ont., and had  
resided in Victoria for the last 18  
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1004 Morrison Street, on Thursday,  
January 4, 1940, Margaret Betty Wil-  
liams, beloved daughter of the late Clifford  
Little, aged 28 years; born in Victoria.  
Survived by her husband, her loving  
mother and brother, Nellie Little, and  
also an uncle, Hugh Little, all of  
Victoria.Funeral services in Bawd's C. P.  
Funeral Chapel on Monday at 3 p.m. Rev.  
C. D. Clarke officiating, followed by cremation  
at Royal Oak.

## CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. James Henry Porter and family  
wish to thank friends, neighbors and relatives  
for expressions of sympathy and  
comfort during the recent bereavement  
through the loss of a loving  
husband and father. Our gratitude is also  
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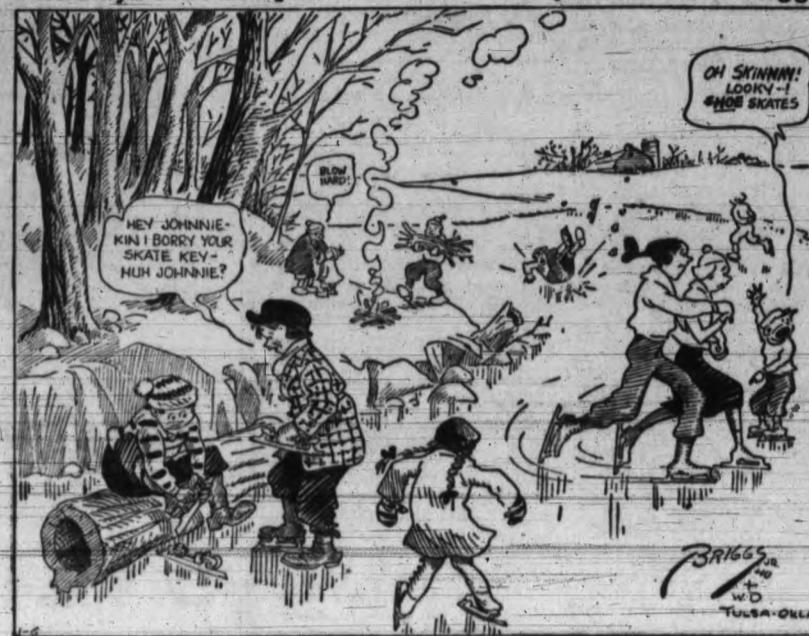
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Capt. L. R. W. Beavis, 77, one of the British Columbia coast's most widely-known mariners and examining officer at Esquimalt during the 1914-18 war, died suddenly in Portland this week while visiting his daughter.

The funeral was held this morning from St. Stephen's Church, West Vancouver.

Born at Exmouth, Devonshire, June 29, 1862, son of Richard Beavis, a well-known artist of that day, Capt. Beavis went through H.M.S. Conway training school and later served on such ships as the *Microsia*, *Titania*, *Eurasia*, *Pinner's Point*, *Montauk Point* and *Eagle Point*.

He came first to this coast in 1889 as mate of the famous China clipper *Titania*, on a voyage for the Hudson's Bay Company.

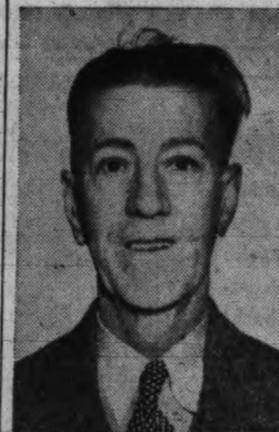
Before the war he was on the old government survey steamer *Lillooet*, now being converted into a tug for the Island Tug and Barge Company. While serving with the navy he was navigating officer on H.M.S. *Shearwater*, operating out of Esquimalt.

He took the wooden schooner *Janet Carruthers* to Australia and then made two voyages to Siberia as navigating officer of the Hudson's Bay Company's Siberian Adventurer. For years he was with the Kingsley Navigation Company, calling at Victoria frequently on his way to and from California ports. He left the sea in 1931, after 53 years of daily service. Before his retirement, for a few years, he was captain of a West Vancouver ferry.

Capt. Beavis had a collection of pictures of sailing ships famous in many ports. Basil Lubbock, world-famous authority on sailing ships, frequently consulted him for details of various old vessels.

In the last few years Capt. Beavis spent much of his time writing marine stories for magazines. He resided on Lasqueti Island and, there, looking out to sea, he wrote nearly every day.

He leaves one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Richardson of Portland.



## Tells of Trip On Deutschland

VANCOUVER (CP) — Henry J. Smith, 21-year-old mess steward aboard the British freighter *Stonegate*, yesterday described his experiences after the vessel was sunk by the German pocket battleship *Deutschland* October 5.

Smith, now serving on another vessel, said the *Stonegate* crew was forced to abandon ship in a heavy sea and board the battleship.

The British sailors were kept almost incomunicado and weren't allowed to look at the guns.

"When I glanced curiously at the plane in its catapult, an officer said, 'Haven't you ever seen one before?' and motioned me away," he said.

Several days after the *Stonegate* sinking the *Deutschland* captured the United States freighter City of Flint.

With a crew of 18 sailors, armed with rifles, hand-grenades, cutlasses and strict orders to sink her rather than risk capture, the Flint started for Germany with the *Stonegate*'s crew aboard.

After 12 days the United States vessel reached Tromso, in northern Norway, inside the Arctic Circle. By this time the ship had been painted another color and her name changed to "Ait."

"It would have fooled the authorities all right, but there was just one little flaw, and the inspectors saw it," Smith said.

"One hosepipe, by some oversight, still bore the name of City of Flint, and that gave the whole show away."

Smith spent a holiday in Tromso while some "red tape" was straightened out, then returned to England.

"And here I am," he said here. "But I wouldn't want to go through a trip like that again."

While proceeding from Tromso to Germany the City of Flint was interned by Norway and later released to her American crew.

## NAVY MAN HELPED IN RESCUE WORK



ARTHUR PEACHEY, R.C.N.

"I'm only glad I was able to do it instead of someone else having to do it for me," was the modest way Chief Petty Officer Arthur Peacheay, of 102 Monterey Avenue, commented on the fine rescue work he did, with others, when a Canadian National train was partly derailed near Nalash, Ontario, last Sunday in sub zero weather.

President Edgar S. Gorrell estimated that at the end of the year United States airlines, domestic and international, had flown 880,000,000 passenger miles, an increase of nearly 40 per cent over the 635,000,000 miles in 1938. Employment rose 22 per cent during the year.

Mr. Peacheay arrived home on leave this week, his journey interrupted by the train mishap. He was among the uninformed men given high praise for their part in pulling passengers from nine derailed cars. Twenty persons were injured in the accident, six of them seriously.

Mr. Peacheay said the train's engineer deserved the greatest credit for the way in which he eased on the brakes after the cars hit a split switch. A sudden stop might have made the mishap much more serious.

The temperature was 20 below zero when the cars toppled off the rails. Four of them were thrown on their sides in several feet of lake water.

Mr. Peacheay said one end of a day coach in which he was traveling went under water. He climbed out through the other door and helped several people to safety. When he saw none were seriously hurt he immediately went to the aid of those in the other cars that were partly submerged. Several people were pulled from the water, and with their clothes freezing to them were taken to the dining car, which had remained on the tracks. There they were clothed in blankets and given stimulants.

"Everyone was very cool," he said. "When they realized that the cars would not roll farther down the bank several began looking for the odd shoe, coats and other belongings and stayed in the overturned cars. While I was helping two wet children to the dinner one woman could think of nothing but her dog, which was in the baggage car."

Mr. Peacheay is on duty on the East Coast, and plans to return there with his family next week.

temperature, max. 40, min. 37; wind, 2 miles N.W. cloudy.

San Francisco-Barometer, 28.94; temperature, max. 56, min. 49; wind, 8 miles N.E.; precip., 59; clear.

The purchase price was not announced.

## THE WEATHER

VICTORIA, 8 a.m. today — A deep depression is approaching the Washington coast from southwest and pressure is relatively high over the interior of British Columbia. The pressure has been somewhat unsatisfied over the province with showers now; Vancouver Island and snowfalls in the southern Okanagan and Kootenay. Barometers cold in the prairie provinces.

Victoria-Barometer, 30.03; temperature, max. 49, min. 39; wind, 5 miles N.E.; pressure, 51; fair.

Vancouver-Barometer, 30.08; temperature, max. 47, min. 36; wind, 8 miles E.; pressure, 51; cloudy.

Prince Rupert-Barometer, 29.83; sun.

## Wheat

WINNIPEG (CP) — General lack of buying punch and moderate weakness at Chicago held wheat futures prices at lower levels during most of today's session on Winnipeg Grain Exchange. Operations were not broad and at the close quotations were 3/4 to 1 cent lower, May at 86 1/2, July 87 1/2, and October 88 1/2.

Reports of slightly improved conditions in sections of the United States winter wheat belt, where forecasts indicated additional snow moisture, apparently were responsible for the easier trend at Chicago. Traders here followed the southern market.

Export purchases in the pit were estimated to have represented a foreign business of 300,000 bushels in Canadian wheat, including a full cargo taken by a Scandinavian country.

Coarse grain prices slipped to lower levels but staged a come-back in the last half of the session when exporters came in to buy barley and mills bought fair quantities of oats. Cash wheat trade was featureless.

(By H. A. Humber Ltd.)

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## United Church of Canada

**METROPOLITAN**  
Rev. A. E. Whitehouse at both services: Morning, "The Humanity of God"; evening, "The Sacrament of Life." Music, morning anthem, "Ave Verum" (Gounod); evening anthem, "O Saviour of the World" (Goss); solo, "Song of St. Francis" (Farrar), Miss Maurine Whitehouse. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at close of each service.

**CENTENNIAL**  
At 11 Rev. Dr. Andrew D. Reid commences a series on "The Beautitudes"; 7:30, "Conditions of Real Revival." Music, morning anthem, "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" (Shanks), solo part by Mrs. F. Leech; evening anthem, "Father Keep Us in Thy Care" (Sullivan).

**OAK BAY**  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at both services: Morning, Rev. F. R. G. Dredge, "God Is Love"; evening, "Enoch Walked With God." Music, morning anthem, "My Saviour's Love" (Gabriel); evening, Alec Hall will sing "I Walk With the King" (Ackley).

**FAIRFIELD**  
Morning, sacrament of the Lord's Supper; evening service, Rev. Norman J. Crees, subject, "The Second Chance." Morning, solo by Morris Thomas, "Love Eternal" (Stephen Adams); anthem, "Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Is Come" (Elvey); evening, "Just As I Am Without One Plea" and "Breathe on Me Breath of God," Mrs. E. Howell, Mrs. Norman J. Crees, P. C. Richards and G. Warren.

**BELMONT**  
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., J. W. Thornburn, superintendent. Sacrament of Lord's Supper at morning service and new members admitted. Open session of the Sunday school, 3 p.m., guest speakers, Mr. and Mrs. Martens of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Junior choir will sing "Finlandia" as an anthem. Parents and children invited.

**Evening**, Rev. Bryce H. Wallace will deal with a recent article in *Fortune* and ask the question if the voice of the church is only an echo of the worldly viewpoint. Anthems by senior choir, under Miss D. Bailey.

**JAMES BAY**  
Pastor, Rev. C. D. Clarke, 7:30; soloist, John Bray; Sunday school, 11; superintendent, C. W. Davies.

**WILKINSON ROAD**  
Sunday school and adult Bible classes for men and women, 10; superintendent, H. H. Green; public worship, 11:15. Rev. W. Allan. Welcome to new members and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered. Anthem, "In Heavenly Love Abiding" (Keyser).

Under auspices of Women's Auxiliary program of moving pictures tonight, 7:30, in the schoolroom; Tuesday, Women's Auxiliary of the W.M.S. monthly meeting, 2, home of Mrs. H. Allison, Craigflower Road; new officers will be installed. Annual meeting of board of stewards, home of G. Jones, Carey Road, Wednesday, 8.

**GARDEN CITY**  
Sunday school and adult Bible class, 2:15; superintendent, Miss Muriel Rudd. Public worship and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, 3:15, Rev. W. Allan; anthem, "For God So Loved the World" (Stainer).



## ANGLICAN SERVICES

## CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

## THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

HOLY COMMUNION—8 o'clock  
CHILDREN'S EUCHARIST—9:40 o'clock  
CHORAL EUCHARIST—11 o'clock

Preacher—The Dean

EVENSONG—7:30

Preacher—Rev. J. R. File

## St. John's Church

8 o'clock—Holy Communion  
10 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class

11 o'clock—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion  
Preacher—Rev. J. R. File

12:30—Evensong  
Preacher—Canon Chadwick

## St. Barnabas

Cer. Cook and Caledonia (No. 2 Cer.)

8 o'clock—Holy Eucharist

11 o'clock—Holy Eucharist (sung)

7:30 o'clock—Evensong

Preacher—Rev. R. E. Smith, Rector

## St. Mary's, Oak Bay

Holy Communion—8 o'clock and 12 Noon

Matins and Sermon—11 o'clock

Evening Prayer—7 o'clock

Sunday School—8:45 o'clock

Junior Sunday School—11 o'clock

Archdeacon A. E. de L. Nunn, M.A.

Rev. R. St. J. Payne, M.A., Assistant

## Anglican

## CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Holy Communion, 8; followed by the monthly children's Eucharist at 9:40. The dean will preach at choral Eucharist, 11; evensong, 7:30; sermon, by Rev. J. R. File.

**ST. JOHN'S**  
Holy Communion, 8; Sunday school and Bible class, 10; morning prayer and Holy Communion, 11; preacher, Canon Chadwick. Organ recital by G. Jennings Burnett, 7:10; program, "Chorale" (Bach), "Andante" (Mendelssohn), "Finale Sonata" (Mendelssohn); evensong, 7:30; preacher, Canon Chadwick. Holy Communion, Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. Intercession service, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

## ST. MARY'S

Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and noon. Matins and sermon at 11; preacher, Rev. H. St. J. Payne. Evensong, 7:30; preacher, Canon Chadwick, 11. Midweek Holy Communion, Thursday morning, 10:30.

## ST. MATTHIAS

Ven. Archdeacon F. C. Cornish; Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; choral Communion, 11 a.m.; evensong, 7:30.

## ST. MARK'S, CLOVERDALE

Holy Communion, 8 and 11 a.m.; sermon, "The Holy Family and the Modern Family." Evening, 7:30; sermon, "The Christian and the State." Rev. Owen L. Jull at both services.

**ST. JOHN'S, COLWOOD**  
Rev. R. E. M. Yerburgh, matins and Holy Communion, 11.

**ST. MATTHEW'S, LANGFORD**  
Rev. R. E. M. Yerburgh, Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; evensong, 7:30.

## ST. BARNABAS

At 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., choral Eucharist and sermon; 7:30, evensong and sermon. Holy Eucharist daily, at 8 a.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m., a service of intercession.

**ST. ALBAN'S**  
Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; 11, family worship, Canon Wickens; evensong, 7, Rev. F. Comley.

**ST. COLUMBA, STRAWBERRY VALE**  
Holy Communion, 9:30, Rev. S. J. Wickens; Sunday school, 10; evensong, 7:30, Rev. S. J. Wickens.

**ST. MICHAEL'S, ROYAL OAK**  
Rev. S. J. Wickens, Holy Communion, 8; Rev. F. Comley, Matins and sermon, 11.

**ST. MARTIN'S-IN-THE-FIELDS**  
Matins and sermon, 11, Canon Stocken.

## Spiritualist

**FIRST**  
S.O.E. Hall, 1216 Broad Street, 7:30. Rev. Ada Garrod, secretary-treasurer of College of Psychic Science, Shawinigan, on "Psychicism's Message and Spirit Greeting for the New Year." Monday, 2:30, the S.O.E. Hall, Rev. Garrod will hold a psychometry circle.

**GRACE LUTHERAN**  
Holy Communion, 11; speaker, Rev. J. L. Sawyer, pastor of Central Lutheran Church, Seattle, and the president of the Pacific Synod. Rev. Peter McNabb will conduct the service at 7:45.

**CHURCH OF OUR LORD**  
Holy Communion and sermon, 11; evensong and sermon, 7:30. Special music by the choir. Anthems, "A Great and Mighty Wonder" (Holler), soloist, Miss Violet Howland, and "There Were Shepherds" (Vincent), soloist, Mrs. Frank Shandley. Acting rector, Rev. G. Herbert Scarrett, at both services.

**OPEN DOOR**  
Rev. Walter Holder, 7:30, trance address, "Freedom"; flower messages at close of service.

Monday, 7:45 p.m., trance message circle; Thursday, 8 p.m., weekly message and healing circle. Both meetings in charge of Mr. Holder. Wednesday, 8 p.m., whilst and 500 party. All meetings will be held in Room 3, Surrey Block, 639 Yates Street.

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Coast Hall, 1416 Douglas Street, 7:30 p.m., address by "Alexis" on "Day in the Spirit World"; messages by Mrs. McDermit, Thursday, 8 p.m., open circle for messages and healing at 1042 Balmoral Road.

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**Deaths of Couple Declared Accident**

COLLINGWOOD, Ont. — The deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Warren G. Bell of Midland, whose bodies were found in Georgian Bay waters off Wasaga Beach last October 27, are declared to have been accidental in the verdict of the coroner's jury which investigated them.

After 35 minutes' deliberation, the jury yesterday returned a finding that medical evidence presented "explained to us clearly there was no sign of foul play." Recommendation was made that some warning signal be erected at the end of the cement road where the car in which Mr. and Mrs. Bell were riding plunged into the Nottawasaga River a few

hours after they had been married.

Testifying on Thursday, Miss Florence Small of Toronto said she believed her sister had been "doped and murdered." Bell and Mrs. Bell, sister of Ambrose Small, millionaire Toronto theatre owner who disappeared in 1919, were married in Stayner and were believed to have been driving back to Midland when the tragedy occurred.

**Defence Contract Given Victoria Firm**

OTTAWA (CP)—War Supply Board orders placed during the week ended January 2 totaled \$1,299,733, representing 526 individual contracts including 479 of less than \$5,000 each, according to a statement by Hon. C. D. Howe, Transport Minister.

Foodstuff purchases totaled \$315,163, marine equipment \$234,511 and aircraft supplies and accessories \$188,579.

The others included:

Construction: Victoria, Shawinigan Lumber Yards Ltd., for material for use at Esquimalt, \$8,985.

Clothing and equipment: Vancouver, Jones Tent and Awning Ltd., \$7,160.

**Training Corps Expands**

VANCOUVER (CP)—Enlargement of the Canadian Officers' Training Corps at the University of British Columbia from 126 men and 10 officers to a total of 396, including 25 officers, is announced.

Dr. C. W. Topping, professor of economics and sociology, has been appointed captain of the battalion.

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**Young Lecturer Well Traveled**

Knowledge drawn from a rich background of personal experiences gained through special governmental privileges in every country of Europe qualifies H. Shatto Watt, formerly of Victoria, economist, and journalist, as an unusually well-equipped authority on the situation in Europe today.

He is now in Victoria with his mother, Mrs. Alfred Watt, Q.B.E., of London, England, and formerly of William Head, on the turning point of a trans-Canada speaking tour under the auspices of the Association of Canadian Clubs. He will address the Men's Canadian Club Monday on "The Background of War" and the following day will speak to the women's organization on "The Baltic Situation."

Last year Mr. Watt visited Germany, where he was shown the behind-the-scenes organization of the Ministry of Propaganda. The mechanics are excellent he feels, but the German propaganda material is vastly inferior to that of the Allies. He is equally at home in England, France or Italy, speaking their languages fluently. During the Abyssinian crisis Mr. Watt translated and wired Italian press copy to his paper, the Telegraph, from the La Stampa offices in Turin. He has traveled extensively throughout the Baltic states, where government officials extended him special privileges, opening all available sources of information to him. He gained extensive knowledge of the economic structure of Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Finland. Their amazing development in 20 years of a solid, highly efficient system of government out of complete devastation and serfdom is a tremendous achievement Mr. Watt feels. He also feels that Russia's belligerent attitude toward the tiny Baltic seaboard states, climaxed by the invasion of Finland, was prompted by Germany, that Russia is not by nature an aggressor nation.

**BRITAIN'S POLICY**

Equally familiar is Mr. Watt with the political situation in England. His knowledge of Britain's foreign policy, studied in the light of present actions, is the outcome of close study and pertinent association. Educated at the University of Paris, Balliol College and the London School of Economics, he has since served on several big London dailies, is now on leave from the Daily Telegraph, where he was assistant night editor before coming to Canada to cover the Royal Tour for the Sunday Times. Having always kept closely in touch with Canada, Mr. Watt decided to remain here for a visit after the Royal Tour. He is especially interested in the historical significance and culture of French Canada.

Mr. Watt likes to recall that as a small boy in Victoria he attended St. Michael's School, and holds Mr. Symons, principal of the school, in great affection and esteem. Mr. Watt's parents were stationed at William Head Quarantine Station before the last war where Dr. Watt was medical health officer. His mother is the well-known founder of Women's Institutes now established all over the world, and is traveling throughout Canada with her son speaking to the women of Canada on food preservation during the war crisis.

**Salt Spring**

Under the auspices of the Salt Spring Island Golf Club a party was held in the clubroom recently. The room was decorated with holly, evergreens and streamers, interspersed with groups of colored balloons and electric lights. A local orchestra supplied the music.

Mrs. Harold Day and her son Richard have returned home from Victoria, where they spent New Year. They were the guests of Mrs. M. E. Farrell, 127 Menzies Street.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Bowden, accompanied by Mrs. Bowden's sister, Mrs. Victor Bettis of North Salt Spring, were visitors in Victoria this week.

In honor of her young son Ormond, who spent the holidays home from Shawnigan Lake School, Mrs. Cecil Springford was hostess at a badminton tournament. Prizewinners were Miss Sheila Chantler and Ormond Springford.

Miss Sheila Hallye of North Salt Spring left on Thursday's boat for Vancouver, where she will be the guest of her uncle, Capt. K. G. Hallye, for a week. Mr. and Mrs. J. Nelson and family have returned home after spending Christmas and New Year in Victoria, guests of Mrs. Nelson's mother, Mrs. Cumidor.

Proceeds from a recent variety entertainment produced by Mrs. A. J. Smith in the Mahon Hall, Ganges, for the benefit of the

Red Cross and I.O.D.E. war work, amounted to \$141.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Foubister and family have returned to their home on Rainbow Road, Ganges, after spending the holidays with relatives in Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Parsons, who have been spending the holidays in Victoria with friends, have returned to their home on Salt Spring Island.

Members of the Victoria Real Estate Board discussed various problems of tax rates as it concerns lighting of apartment houses, reforestation and traffic problems in downtown shopping areas at a luncheon held in David Spencer's lunch room yesterday.

The meeting of the board was the first held this year and J. C. Bridgeman, president, read his New Year address to the members. The report contained a general outline of conditions in the real estate business during the past year, and summarized events of importance which took place in recent months. The effect of the present war on the real estate men was also discussed in the report.

Officials of the local Real Estate Board, in a discussion with regard to the tax on the lighting of business apartments, decided to oppose the tax of 8 per cent placed on lighting of business apartments by the Special War Revenue Act. A letter to the local Board by the Winnipeg Board, caused officials here to discuss the matter, but it was decided to take no action as Victoria did not have apartment houses large enough to warrant such a decision being made. The local Board decided to reply to the letter, supporting the principle, realizing the amount entailed by the taxes on larger apartment houses.

A general discussion took place on the question of reforestation. Last year was the biggest year in lumber export that British Columbia has ever experienced, with over 1,500,000,000 feet of lumber being sent to the United Kingdom and other foreign ports.

The discussion also dealt with the advisability of burning slash or of leaving smaller timber, unfit for lumber purposes, to decay.

A short discussion on the effect of modern transportation to the city business district was held. Members of the board were of the opinion that parking rules should be changed, so that the business men and shoppers would be able to conduct their jobs efficiently. Parking should be cut to a half hour or 15 minutes in the busy downtown streets unless shoppers used parking lots. Many left their cars all day on streets where the one hour parking regulation was not in effect.

J. C. Bridgeman, president, was in the chair.

**NEW BUSINESS ATTRACTS BUYERS**

Fashionable Victorians are showing much interest in the Piccadilly Shoppe, newly opened women's fashion store at 1105 Government Street, opposite the C.P.R. ticket office.

Under the personal supervision of Mr. and Mrs. George Carr, recently arrived from London, England, the new business specializes in the handling of exclusive lines of genuine British and French imported merchandise.

"Our policy is to offer the more individualistic type of garments and accessories at reasonable prices that will bring them within the reach of every person's pocketbook," said Mr. Carr today.

The store has been decorated in the most modern manner and freshly smart, up-to-date merchandise is displayed in an attractive manner.

Mr. Carr has had 28 years experience of merchandising in the English and American markets.

**25 Years Ago**

JANUARY 6, 1915  
 NEW YORK — More than 100 persons were overcome by smoke, cut by flying glass, bruised and otherwise injured in a fire aboard a train in the subway at the height of the rush hour today. Only one death has been reported.

The beginning of the movement of troops of the second contingent from Victoria will date from Sunday next, when B section of the Canadian Army Medical Corps will leave on the 145 boat for Vancouver on the way to Winnipeg.

A twenty-dollar note of the Bank of Prince Edward Island was tendered at the Quebec bank a day or so ago. As the Bank of Prince Edward Island ceased business fifteen or more years ago, the note, of course, was valueless.

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**Auto Week Will Open on Monday**

Monday to Saturday next will be Auto Show Week in Victoria. The 1940 models are now on their floors and special efforts in display and demonstration will be made to introduce the new cars to the public. Showrooms will remain open every evening in order that the whole family will be able to see what is offered the motorist for the ensuing year.

Everyone, whether contemplating the purchase of a new car or not interested in automobiles, Seldom have the automotive engineers presented the public with so many improvements and refinements. Increased roominess is a feature which is prominent in practically all makes, while designers have surpassed themselves in the introduction of sweeping curves of symmetrical beauty. Power and speed are personified in the graceful lines of the 1940 models. Comfort is another point which has received much attention, with fresh principles of body suspension and shock absorption setting a new meaning on riding ease.

With each succeeding year it would appear that the current models have reached near perfection, but for 1940 it seems that even greater forward strides have been made. The automobile dealers of Victoria issue a cordial invitation to the public to visit their showrooms to see and make comparisons of the 1940 cars.

Officers said no special guard

had been placed at the Law residence.

**MADÉ BENCHER**

Election of A. D. Crease as a Bencher of the Law Society of British Columbia, to take the place of Lindley Crease, K.C., who recently retired, was announced yesterday following a meeting of the Benchers here. A delegation from the Victoria and Vancouver Bar Associations joined the Benchers to discuss issues related to the welfare of the legal profession.

**SOOKE**

The annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary to the Sooke branch of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L. was held Tuesday evening with the vice-president, Mrs. R. Strong, in the chair. The financial statement was read by the secretary, Mrs. P. W. de P. Taylor, and proved satisfactory.

Election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. George H. Jones; first vice-president, Mrs. Frank C. Rumsey; second vice-president, Mrs. James B. Gillatt; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. P. W. de P. Taylor; executive, Mrs. H. Hewlett, Mrs. R. Seymour and Mrs. D. W. Ferguson.

Sooke centre of the Provincial Recreation classes will reopen in the Sooke Community Hall on Wednesday, January 10.

Chungking, present capital of nationalist China, has had its name since 1188 A.D., but there was a settlement on the site as far back as 2200 B.C.

The plant will be erected on ground leased from the Ontario Paper Company, which is expected to supply the new factory with 10,000,000 gallons of waste pulp liquor annually.

It's wonderful that each of these tiny peppermint-flavored tablets contains all the good alkalinizing benefits of a full teaspoonful of liquid Phillips' Milk of Magnesia, known the world over for its fast action in relieving "gas" nausea and stomach upsets from excess acids.

Don't risk embarrassing yourself and others. Just be sure to get a box of genuine Phillips' Milk of Magnesia Tablets today and carry them with you always.

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## AROUND THE MOVIE LOT



Probably the world's greatest ballerina is 20-year-old Irina Baronova—but she would much rather be a dramatic actress. Hollywood practically kidnapped the ballerina when war closed her engagement at London's Covent Garden with the Monte Carlo Ballet Russe and rushed her into Metro's picture of the Ballet at the Imperial Palace, Vienna, under producer Winfield Sheehan, who has been wanting her for the part a long time.



"Gulliver's Travels" is moviedom's latest contribution to the rapidly expanding collection of foiled film cartoons. Top picture shows Gulliver in the middle of one of his many adventures. Bottom picture is that of people whose voices you'll hear and who posed for some of the scenes—Lovey Warren, Sam Parker and Cal Howard. "Gulliver's Travels" has been drawn and filmed in Florida, during the last 18 months, by Max Fleischer, an assortment of executive Brothers Fleischer, and a crew of about 600. Hollywood pays no attention to activity outside its generous environs, and until now it has scarcely been aware that anybody is daring to compete with Disney in full-length animations.

## Movie Scrapbook

By BILL PORTER  
and GEORGE SCARBO

ALLAN JONES...



TOOK SINGING LESSONS AT FOUR... SANG IN CHOIR AT 8... WORKED IN FATHER'S MINE...



RICHARD DENNING...



DECIDED TO BECOME A DOCTOR AFTER GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL... BECAME ACCOUNTANT... STUDIED DRAMATICS ON RADIO SHS...



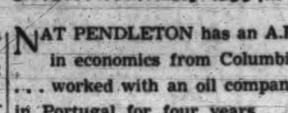
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ONE OF HOLLYWOOD'S BEST PORTRAYERS OF MUSCLE-MAN ROLES... IS GRADUATE OF COLUMBIA...



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NAT PENDLETON has an A.B. in economics from Columbia... worked with an oil company... in Portugal for four years... organized True Stories Pictures... entered pictures in 1927... wrestled professionally... has worked steadily for six years without a vacation... lives in a home at the beach... wrestles with his Great Dane, Sandow, named after his hit role in "The Ziegfeld Follies"... unmarried... six feet tall, weighs 200... hopes to vacation in Europe early in 1940.

## Tales of Real Dogs :: By Albert Payson Terhune

SOON AFTER a child was killed by St. Bernard dogs at the famous Alpine Hospice, a year or so ago, news agencies from Europe announced that the dogs were kept cooped up thereafter in a high-walled enclosure, until they were taken to a Tibetan monastery in charge of their keeper, ancient Brother Cyril of the St. Bernard Hospice. Boake Carter made a personal investigation of the case. Here, in part, is his report, published in "Our Animals."

"The story was widely printed in the French newspapers and elsewhere. It is incorrect. A letter from Prior Besson of the Hospice tells me Brother Cyril does not exist except in the imagination of a Paris news agency; the tale of the departure of the St. Bernard dogs to Tibet is pure fantasy; the good dogs are still at the Hospice."

Says Mrs. F. H. Tompkins, of the Marin Humane Society:

"Not only are the dogs still at the Hospice, but they have not been deprived of their liberty. These noble animals still carry on their work of mercy. After an avalanche, they alone can discover the whereabouts of victims buried by snow and ice."

Well, there you are! What the precise truth may be, I don't know; easy as it should be for any accredited foreign reporter to find out. Take your choice.

HE IS NOT A COWARD

L. F. WRITES ME in much worry over the seeming cowardice of his five-month-old collie pup. He says the youngster has an instinct for barking defiance at all strangers who come to the house; but that when he is assailed by a grown dog, big or small, he rolls over on his back and mutely begs for mercy. From this, his owner seems to decide the pup is an incurable coward. The pup is nothing of the kind.

A five-month-old dog, of any breed, is little more than a baby. Not yet has he reached the age when his mature character develops. A puppy which cringes at the attack of a grown dog is no more cowardly than would be an eight-year-old boy in refusing to fight a heavyweight champion.

I have had dogs, of several breeds, which, as puppies, shrank from the punitive nips of adult dogs, large or little; and which, in maturity, were murderous batters, fearless and deadly. The fact that L. F.'s baby collie already shows watchdog instinct

in barking at strangers who approach the home, is a good sign for his future value as a defender of that home.

### HOW OLD IS HE, COMPARED TO YOU?

I WISH I HAD KEPT record of

the number of you who have written asking me how the age of a dog compares with the age of a man or woman. For more than a century, this same question has been asked. Many have been the answers. I think I have read or heard them all. And none of them seems to me 100 per cent correct.

The one which I have found perhaps nearest accurate is this: Your dog is as old, at one year, as you are at the age of 20. (So far, I agree with the theory.) From then on, count five years of your dog's life as equaling one of your own. For instance: At the age of five, your dog is as old as you are at 40. At 13, he is as old as you are at 85.

So much for so much. Yet I have known dogs of 13 which were far younger and less decrepit than is the average man or woman of 85. On the other hand I have known 13-year-old dogs which were in the last stages of old age.

Can any of you readers figure out a better and more accurate formula than the one I have quoted? If so, I'll be glad to print it. Until then, I think four years, rather than five, is a better estimate—after the age of one year—for the proportion between canine and human ages. How about it?

### EXERCISE

IN THE "horse and buggy days" of my young manhood, a favorite form of exercise for dogs was to let them run alongside or under or in front of the family carriage or the horseback rider. A still faster mode of exercise was to let your dog accompany you on a bicycle ride. These methods were all right—if your dog was well enough and spirited enough to stand the pace. Which, usually, he was. For the average canine, such jaunts were good training, except in the case of an all-day drive or of a cyclist "century run." (Are you old enough to remember a century run?)

### THE ENGLISH BULLDOG

ASK THE AVERAGE outsider for an opinion on the bow-legged and low-hung and prognathous-jawed English bulldog. You will be told he is an incurably savage brute, all but brainless and with a craving for slaughter. Which is a lie, from first to last.

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This left the problem of systematic exercise up in the air, except when an owner cared to accompany his dog on foot. Hiking is the ideal form of exercise for both master and dog.

But, last year, one Arthur Lyons, decided to exercise his dog by tying the animal behind his ear. He drove 13 blocks before he was stopped by the S.P.C.A. The dog's paws were raw, and its underbody scraped and gashed. Lyons was jailed for 30 days.

When, if ever, will mankind learn common sense and humanity in dealing with dogs?

### DOG WEEK

I DON'T KNOW in what part of the year Dog Week is celebrated; any more than I know the date of Mother's Day. The man or woman who must be reminded to be kind to a mother on a certain day is on a par with the same human who must be told to be kind to his or her dog for one week in the year. As sanely might he or she be told to abstain from shooting or poisoning the rest of mankind on a specified day or week. (Perhaps I am wrong in my belief. Often, I am.)

But this is the point of my preaching: A hundred years ago or 50 years ago or even 25 years ago, there would have been a general laugh of derision at the idea of setting apart one week of the year for kindness to dogs or to other animals. Today, such a week is widely observed. This proves, more than anything else, the mighty strides which dog-consideration has made during the last few decades.

The dog and his welfare have become a recognized part of national observance. A week is set apart, out of the busy year, for his happiness and for his betterment. For a specified seven days, he is to be treated more considerately, more kindly.

This shows the advance he has made in his claim to human sympathy and to human consideration. Doesn't it?

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which they earned their name) and for battling with armed men and fierce dogs. This, in public.

Back in 1835, the British Parliament passed a law forbidding such hideous exhibitions. But by that time the bulldog's sinister repute had been established. And it took the best part of a century to wipe out his character as a murderous wild beast. As a matter of record, he deserved none of the condemnation which was heaped on him.

He is clever, friendly, staunchly loyal. If you have the best kind of English bulldog you have one of the finest dogs on earth. True, he has been artificially developed to accent his outthrust jaw and his other truculent-seeming physical traits. But at heart he is a chum which any one might covet.

It is time that belated justice be done to a grand dog.

## HOROSCOPE

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Adverse aspects are active today. It is most unlucky for initiative in any mercantile pursuit. Foreign news of significance to the business world may be expected. Commerce is threatened by many foes.

Under this sway there may be an inclination toward fickleness. Stability should be nurtured in young persons. Girls should be directed toward self-supporting careers and discouraged against indulging in romance at an early age. The seers warn that women of the future are to sustain heavy responsibilities, owing to world upheavals. Home-owning plans should be considered by thrifty.

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Graft and corruption will be fought with a determination that augurs success. Reform in the methods of conducting public business will be demanded by voters. Increased taxation will cause widespread effort to change indifferent attitudes of office-holders toward their work.

North Africa will be affected by revolutionary influences emanating from Morocco. Economic strain will cause uprisings in various foreign countries, notably in territory recently annexed by Hitler. White Russians who aid revolts against Stalin who will arouse world indignation.

Concentrate today on work. With renewed interest after holiday festivities young and old should find happiness in practical activities. It is a promising sway for students and educators. World peace aspirations should be reflected in the family which may be sensitive to current planetary influences which encourage quarrels.

Despite limitations affecting commerce, general business conditions should be satisfactory. Manufacturing comes under a stimulating aspect. Hospitals should be generously supported, for there is a sign presaging much illness. An epidemic will make heavy demands upon the medical profession. Nerve strain and excessive use of alcoholic beverages will add many patients to sanatorium lists.

New angles in the agriculture problem will develop. Owing to the value of political support from those who till the earth and raise livestock, the prospect of substantial aid for farmers is bright.

Prospect of material gains in commerce may be unfortunate, if the lure causes hasty and ill-advised pacts. The Philippines will become the subject of anxiety as small acts of aggression are reported. Need of an enlarged navy will be recognized by the U.S. Congress.

Persons whose birthdate is to have the augury of a year of expanding interests. Financial security will come to many. Women will make advantageous marriages.

Children born on this day have the best possible prospects. These Capricorn natives are usually intelligent, industrious and well-balanced. Both boys and girls are likely to be efficient in whatever vocations they choose.

## Station to Station

BY DAVID SHEPHERD  
(Times Radio Editor)

NEW YEAR celebrations are now over and everyone is trying to settle down to a normal life—even the radio editors. With the coming year lots of broadcasts of importance will be heard over the various networks. War, sport, drama, comedy, music and other radio features promise to be bigger and better than ever this year, despite the condition of this planet. Let's all try to keep up with the times and take interest in world affairs by reading this paper and listening to the radio.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

Aspects of evil portent are discerned in today's horoscope. All risks should be avoided by merchants and manufacturers. Women are under a sway most unfavorable to judgment and common sense.

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Lily Pons, diminutive coloratura of the Metropolitan, was heard in her most popular operatic role, that of Lakme, when she sang today. Miss Pons has always been identified with this particular role since the beginning of her career, as it was this opera in which she made her debut.

ASSOCIATED PRESS editors picked the following stories as the best in 1939: Sinking of the submarine *Squalus*, the Royal Visit to Canada and the

U.S. death of Pope Pius XI and coronation of Pope Pius XII, signing of Russo-German pact, invasion of Poland, England and France declare war, sinking of *Athenia* and *Royal Oak*, attempt to bomb Hitler at Munich, invasion of Finland by Russia and the sinking of the *Graf Spee*. These news stories were broadcast in dramatic form over NBC stations last week.

Marvin Fisher, famous NBC script writer, is beginning to believe he ought to move. Living right in the same apartment house with him is a voice teacher named Fisher Marvin.

Jim (Fibber McGee) Jordan will be going hunting any day now. Mrs. Jordan (Molly) gave him an automatic shotgun for Christmas. He gave her a silver coffee set.

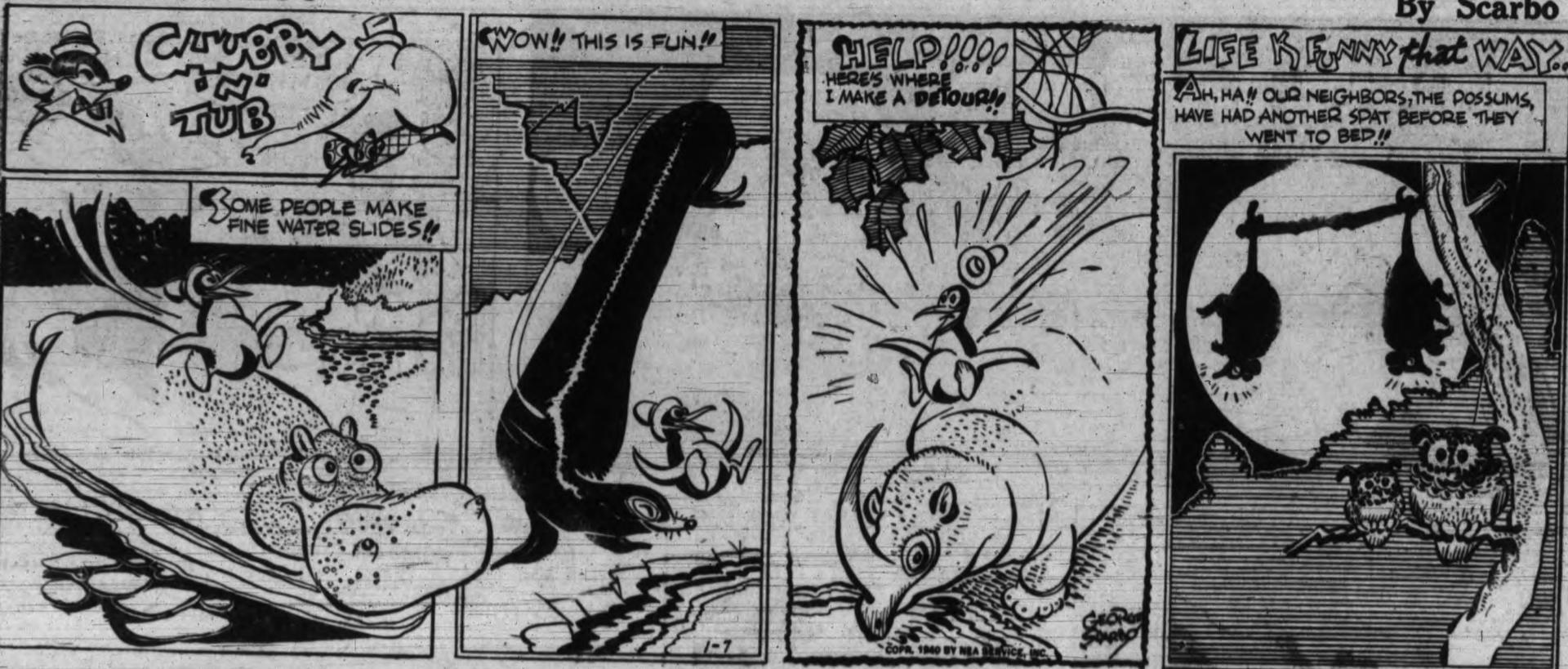
FRANCES FARMER, shown here, is a member of the Group Theatre, heard on the



Kate Smith Hour. The group is rated as the finest acting unit in most parts. Miss Farmer made her debut in "Golden Boy." She is a native of Seattle.

WHAT WERE the 10 most outstanding song hits of 1939? Here are a few that the readers of this column (if any) might care to choose from: "Deep Purple," "Sunrise Serenade," "Three Little Fishes," (Boop Boop), "Over the Rainbow," "South of the Border" (changed to "souse" during the festive season), "My Prayer," "Beer Barrel Polka," "Man With the Mandolin," "Oh Johnny, Oh" (renovated), and "Scatterbrain." There are many others to choose from so do your stuff and pick your favorites.

## THE COMIC ZOO



By Scarbo

## Stories in Stamps



### RUSSIA'S POLISH ISSUE RELEASES SAAR

RUSSIA has announced plans for a series of stamps to commemorate the "return" of East Poland to the Soviet. Germany celebrated restoration of territory lost in the World War by similar issues in the Saar and for Danzig.

The Saar jubilee issue, above, depicts Germany welcoming the return of her child, the Saar. The stamp was released in four values in 1935 after the plebiscites returned the rich mining and industrial area to Germany.

The Dominican Republic has issued a new triangular 10-centavo airmail, showing a plane against a background of clouds.



### SEWARD'S 12-HOUR DEAL BROUGHT ALASKA TO U.S.

IT TOOK U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward and Baron Stoeckl, Russian minister to United States, just 12 hours to arrange the transaction, agree on the price and draw up the treaty that gave the 500,000 square miles of Alaska Territory to United States. Seward's role in the Alaska purchase introduced his portrait to philately on U.S. Alaska-Yukon-Pacific 2-cent commemorative stamp, above, first placed on sale at the Seattle, Wash., exposition in 1909.

Alaska was a headache to Russia. It was too far away to be governed properly and Russia feared England might seize the territory. Stoeckl called on Seward at his home, offered to sell. Seward bid five million; Stoeckl asked ten. They compromised on seven, with \$200,000 for Russia's trading company.

By 4 a.m. the treaty was complete. The Senate approved within a month, but the House refused to vote the money. President Johnson did not wait for House approval, occupied the territory in October, 1867, with the consent of Russia. The House finally agreed, accepted the purchase in July, 1868.



### WIDOWS MOURN AS WAR CLAIMS TWO SHIPS A DAY

FRANCE'S MONUMENT to sailors lost at sea, reproduced on the French semipostal above,

assumes greater significance as the toll of sea warfare mounts. Ships sunk have averaged almost a day—190 in the first 100 day of war. France has lost only about one-tenth as many ships as Britain. Neutral ships make up about a fourth of the entire total.

### • STAMP NEWS



THE GERMAN luxury liner Columbus, scuttled by her crew off Cape Henry, Va., was pictured on a 1937 stamp, above, issued by the Free City of Danzig. The stamp was one of a series of five picturing ancient and modern ships.

The Columbus, built in Danzig in 1922, marked postwar Germany's return to merchant shipping. On her maiden voyage to New York in 1924, the Columbus was considered one of the finest ships afloat. The liner was owned by the North German Lloyd Line.

Six stamps are included in the annual charity issue for the Social Bureau for Dutch Indies. Both white and native workers of the Bureau are pictured on the stamps.

With war conditions making it increasingly difficult to send sufficient postal paper to the Dutch Indies, the Netherlands stamp commission may allow the colony to print its own stamps.

The portrait of young King Peter is shown on a new Yugoslav stamp, first of a new postage series.

The sale of new issues on the London market has been brought almost to a standstill by the war. Restrictions on mail from belligerents, and even from Poland and the Czechoslovakian protectorates of Bohemia and Moravia, are blamed.

British airmail services have been cut off except those operating to adjacent countries. The northern, or Great Circle, Clipper route from U.S. to England has suspended operations. Submarine warfare has slowed surface mails, and until the convoy system is effectively organized, mail dispatched by ships will continue to be delayed.

Dealing with enemy nations are forbidden British collectors and until neutral nations set up philatelic brokerage systems, stamp trade in Europe will remain stalemated.

The war is expected to produce a flood of occupational, charity, war tax and other special issues, similar to those issued in 1914-1918. There is no doubt that warring governments, realizing a vast potential income is available in stamp sales, will make the best of the opportunity.

### RED RYDER



By Fred Harman

I BUILT THIS NEW SCHOOL HOUSE AND I EXPECT SOME APPRECIATION!

# How Is Europe Standing Strain of War?

By JOHN T. FLYNN

**GERMANY FACES** foes whose military strategy it is to humble her by walling her in from the supplies she needs to carry on a protracted war.

Germany's weakness lies in the fact that she must get a great deal that she needs from the outside. This is further aggravated by the fact that to get what she needs she must pay for it with either goods or money.

Her access to the goods of many countries is cut off by the British blockade. Many products are cut off that way altogether. Other products are made so costly that they are prohibitive. The risk of shipping goods to Germany raises the price. The round-about route they must take makes another addition to the price.

To pay for these imported goods she needs money or merchandise. She has not the money. The only money good in international trade is gold and her supply is hopelessly inadequate.

As for other goods, there she faces two obstacles.

First of all the production of war materials, along with the demands for men in the army, makes it difficult for her to operate her peace-time product factories. She is not, therefore, able to supply exports as payment for what she needs on as large a scale as necessary.

In the next place, whatever credits she has abroad she consumes in the purchase of war necessities, like oil and iron. Much of her iron comes from outside Germany and must be paid for with external credits.

#### GERMANS NEED GASOLINE

Already we hear of Germany's difficulty in getting oil from Rumania. Rumania is not too eager to supply it. And Britain and other countries have focused their buying on countries upon which Germany must rely in order to cut down her available resources. Finally now we are informed that Germany is having difficulty paying for what she can actually get in Rumania.

This weakness in oil may prove her undoing. The modern army travels on its gas tank as well as its stomach.

Germany is building large plants for the production of gasoline from coal but it will be six months before her present construction will offer any supplies, and a year and a half before it is finished. And this is an enormously expensive type of gasoline. It is difficult to see much light for Germany in these facts.

#### ESSENTIALS RATIONED

On the daily necessity side, the picture is a little less clear. Certainly drastic rationing has gone into effect. Everybody carries his meagre ration card.

While this is so, some observers insist that with this system Germany can last for a long time—she has large reserves and is thus conserving them. Goering declared brightly that Russia's great stores were opened to Germany and Dr. Ley declared ration portions would soon increase. But Russia will send nothing to Germany save what Germany can pay for. And this greatly limits that hope.

But there is another side to this. How long will the German people hold out under these conditions? Will not this affect the political situation?

#### UNDERGROUND DISCONTENT

Many men insist that the great Catholic population, the conservative business men who have seen all swept away by taxes and enforced loans, the immense and once powerful liberal groups in Germany remain unconquered but subjected to forced silence. They say that as these sacrifices grow, the discontent will spread.

Hitler's mighty threats to France have so far proved empty. His surrender to Russia—his abandonment of the role of anti-Bolshevist No. One—is regarded as an evidence of known weakness.

All this induces many observers to conclude that three possibilities loom ahead.

1. Hitler will try clandestinely to bring about peace this winter.

2. There will be a left-wing revolt in Germany with the aid of Russia, and Germany will fall into the hands of the Communists.

#### BLOCKADE

Sentinels of the sea . . . British warships halt Germany-bound cargo vessels.



FOOD How long will Nazis smile at receiving ration cards?



FUEL Gasoline's scarce: Berlin taxis run by tanks of compressed gas.



Nazi-coveted Ukraine territory ethnographically extends beyond national boundaries of the Ukrainian Soviet Republic—into what was Poland, Czechoslovakia and into Rumania.

3. There will be an economic collapse followed by a struggle between the right and left-wing forces amounting to a revolution. France and Britain will take advantage of this to manoeuvre a dismemberment of Germany.

Germany, on the other hand, tries to argue Britain, a capitalist economic unit, cannot stand the strain of a long war and will crack up before Germany does. The prospect of this is extremely light.

#### RUSSIAN STRANGLEHOLD

EVERY MOVE STALIN has made since last August, when the world was shocked by news of the Russian-German non-aggression pact, has been directed against Germany itself.

Stalin is using Germany's troubles to fortify himself against her in the future.

In September, 1938, when Hitler was threatening Czechoslovakia, Russia was the most volatile of the European nations in demanding that she be stopped.

Ever since the appearance of Hitler as dictator it has been known his ultimate dream was the conquest of access to the Russian Ukraine. This was not a matter of speculation, because he had avowed his intentions many times. Also he wanted the oil of Rumania. The seizure of Czechoslovakia was viewed merely as a prelude to this.

The conquest of Danzig and the Polish Corridor were sentimental more than anything else. The real objective was the Ukraine and Rumania. Russia recognized Germany as its only real enemy in Europe.

Therefore, Hitler's announcement of his pact with Russia was a stunning surprise. What followed had all the look of an alliance between Stalin and the man who had sworn to be the one bulwark against the flood of Communism in Europe. When Stalin marched into Poland after

Hitler's invasion the whole thing had the appearance of a great league between the two dictators. Certainly this was the obvious, surface meaning of these events.

#### INTERCONTINENTAL DIPLOMACY

But the actual meaning of them is far different. Stalin has had two great enemies—Germany and Japan. Japan had already begun an attack in the east and Germany was moving one step at a time to an attack in the west. Stalin was caught between the Berlin-Tokyo axis. And if he had been attacked by both together nothing perhaps could have saved him. At least the odds were against him.

He had to deal with Japan without delay. Two armies—Russian and Japanese—faced each other on the Pacific and were actually at war. Stalin made up his mind that he could not depend on either England or France in Europe. No one could tell whether they would fight or not. Certainly they would not fight to aid Russia.

His most imperative job was to get Germany off his back. He had something to offer her. As she faced an immediate war with Britain and France he could make this offer agreeable. Because she was weak she eagerly made an agreement which meant that she would have no attack from Russia. This freed Russia to deal with Japan. It cracked up the Berlin-Tokyo axis. And Japan and Russia immediately entered into an armistice. They are now trying to arrange their long-standing dispute.

This was a tremendous diplomatic victory for Russia. It was an advantage for Germany purchased at a terrible price—the loss of Italian support in Europe.

#### CHECKMATE NAZIS

But it is far worse than that. Russia has since moved first into Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia and all.

now into Finland. And all this appears to the man in the street as if Russia and Germany were supporting each other in raids on European territory. But this is not quite true. Russia is indeed raiding. But the raids are against Germany.

Here is what has happened by her pact with Russia. Germany has foregone for the moment at least her two greatest objectives—the Ukraine and Rumania. Instead of getting closer to the Ukraine, she must now provoke another war to reach it. The same thing is true of Rumania and her oil. These are lost so far as this war is concerned, which means that the most important objectives of the war are lost.

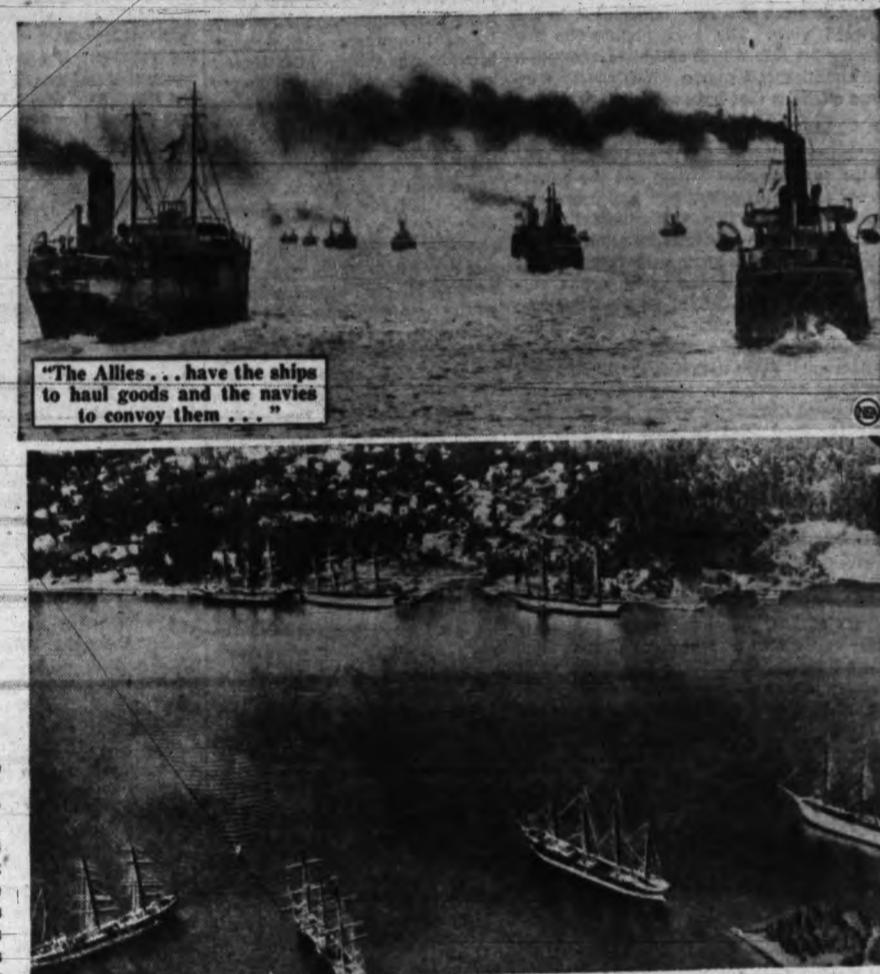
But far worse than that is the result of Stalin's raid on the Baltic. Lacking grain and oil, Germany also lacks iron ores. She gets a large part of her imported iron ores from the northern neck of the Scandinavian peninsula (Norway and Sweden). They come down by sea through the Gulf of Bothnia into the Baltic to Germany.

The Gulf of Bothnia lies between Sweden and Finland. By getting possession of the coast of Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia, Russia has attained command of that part of the Baltic most important to Germany. By getting possession of Finland she will have that part which dominates the Gulf of Bothnia.

In that gulf, at its narrowest point, lie the Aaland Islands. They lie in the centre of that highway as if in the middle of a street. Whoever dominates them holds the key to the Gulf of Bothnia as Gibraltar controls the entrance to the Mediterranean. If Russia takes them, Germany's access to her iron ore imports from Scandinavia will be completely at the mercy of Stalin. This is the most terrible loss of supplies of Britain and France and she undertakes to do



Giant guns of the menacing Soviet fleet "protect" Red interests in the tiny Baltic states of Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia, now hurl destruction on stubborn Finns for refusing Russian patronage.



Air view of the harbor of Mariehamn, capital of Finland's Aaland Island, which Russia covets at the control of entrance to the Gulf of Bothnia and the Gulf of Finland.

The fact that Germany has this with weapons hopelessly inadequate for the purpose.

The account of British vessels sunk may seem impressive—some 85 vessels. But since Britain has 2,500 merchant ships of 2,000 tons and over it will be seen how slight is the effective loss.

There has been a loss in supplies, but Germany has suffered from captures of her own vessels even greater supply losses. And what is more she has already suffered a loss of one-third of her submarines which is a really serious one.

Germany now turns to the magnetic mines, which are mines supplied with a detonating device set off by a magnetic needle. The iron hull of a ship passing over the mine causes the magnetic needle to turn toward the ship thus setting off the mine.

But these are good only in shallow water. And already Britain has discovered that wooden vessels passing over the mines can do harmlessly while iron tugs carried after explode the mines without damage.

It must be confessed the odds are, altogether against Germany in this struggle. The Briton does not crack up easily and he has immeasurably more to sustain his resistance in the way of material support than the German.

Second, what will happen to Britain and France when the war is over? The answer might be—ruin of their economic systems, ruin of their currencies, many dark years of disaster, possible overthrow of their democratic regimes—all this, even in victory.

This, of course, is in the realm of speculation. But the outlook for all of warring countries, win, lose or draw, is exceedingly black. War has become too terrible for them.

The victor in this contest, as in previous conflicts, will be war upon them. Under these circumstances

## MUSIC

On Making Good Resolutions;  
In Retrospect; The Inspiration of  
a Composer; John Barbirolli

By G. J. D.

NOW THAT A NEW YEAR has begun (1940 by the calendar) two conspicuous and characteristic things are uppermost in mind. The first is that of making good resolutions; secondly, the looking back in retrospect.

Regarding the first, it is very doubtful if the critic's problems can be solved by New Year's resolutions. In the writer's case, good resolutions made have often been broken, as conformity to the resolve pressed hard on many an occasion. Disputes occurred, unworthy views arose, and irrelevancies intruded. Nevertheless, if the personal equation may be allowed, it has seldom occurred, if ever, that the right bouquets have been handed to or withheld from the right people, or that there has been a leakage as between the fountain pen and the font, and that the opinion expressed has been free from error of fact, of expression and of printing.

MOMENTS OF RETROSPECT

THE FORWARD LOOK is inevitable in man, and no one spends any more time than is necessary to dwell on wisdom upon his failures or his successes of the past. But all of us have moments of retrospect when we look over (in the writer's business) the musical achievements and enterprises of the seasons that have gone. Such moments, indeed, are a necessary complement to the forward view. The best preparation for viewing the future with optimism, resolution and ambition is a glance which conjures up these qualities that have acted in our past.

THE TEST OF TIME

As the years flick over so that the field of the past becomes larger and the sphere of the future smaller, our happiness and musical technique depend increasingly upon the quality and the interpretation of our retrospect. As we grow with these we see more clearly the things which are a permanent source of delight and satisfaction; the elements in our day which stand up victoriously to the test of time.

More and more the student will find that the most enduring in satisfaction and progress come from good work. Looking back over the long road as from a hilltop one sees that it is upon the days and hours of eager resultful, arduous work that the sunshine rests most radiantly.

And most to be envied are those who have been able to fill the years with hundreds of such days. Those who have discovered that the chief pleasure of retrospect is in the knowledge of good work, no matter in which sphere of life, at the times when their energies were in utmost use. Always such hours have given, and are giving, the most thrill of life to the present. It is an added reward that they constitute the chief happiness of our retrospect.

INSPIRATION

HOW SOME UNUSUAL MOMENT, scene, or circumstance, gives inspiration to a composer, is seen in the following interesting episode that relates especially to our King and his boys' summer camp.

In this case it was a newsreel that inspired Jaromir Weinburger, a composer born in Prague in 1896, now living in New York, to write his "Variations and Fugue" on an Old English tune for full orchestra, with the title, "Under the Spreading Chestnut Tree." Weinburger saw the film during a summer visit to the French Riviera.

One evening he says: "I saw a boys' camp in England where there were many young people, and among them, in democratic simplicity, was His Majesty the King of England. He was dressed in the same style of sweater and shorts as were his young subjects, and he joined them in games, singing and laughter."

"They sang," he says, "a wonderful old folksong, with very thrilling words. At several points the music suddenly stopped, and the King, with those round him, started to clap their hands, jump to their feet, and start a sort of a pantomime, finally joining again in singing the tune to its end."

"I liked the whole scene very much," says the composer, "and resolved then and there to write the 'Variations and Fugue'."

This was composed in New York in the spring of 1939, and was designed expressly for the Philharmonic Symphony of that city. It is dedicated to this orchestra and its English conductor, John Barbirolli, as Mr. Weinburger decided that this was the ideal orchestra and ideal conductor for his new work, after hearing it play his "Polka and Fugue," from his opera, "Schwanda."

JOHN BARBIROLLI

"THIS NOW FAMOUS CONDUCTOR, by the way, has now been three years with the New York Philharmonic and succeeded Toscanini. When the latter relinquished the post as regular conductor, there were many wild speculations, and many frantic suggestions as to who should be chosen to succeed him. Opinion at the time was finally voiced that none could be chosen who would really carry on the traditions of the great maestro.

They reckoned without a certain Englishman, of Italian-French extraction, who, since his appointment, has taken out his American citizenship papers. Born in England, Barbirolli, a brilliant cello exponent, began his career during the World War. After the Armistice, he became conductor of the famous Glasgow Symphony Orchestra. New York thinks highly of his talents and direction.

## The Land of Make-believe

By NELLIE L. MCCLUNG  
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IT IS A PITY that people have to grow up! A few nights before Christmas we had our school concert in the two-room school, which on occasion can be turned into an auditorium by the opening of the intervening doors, and by putting up a stage and footlights, and the striped curtains.

The whole evening was one of illusion. A few spruce trees stuck in knotholes in the floor made a deep forest full of elves and fairies, where witches' spells were cast and lifted and evil kings' murderous plans brought to naught, by the timely aid of white fairies with celophane wings.

The old woman who lived in a shoe was there, evidently noisy the worse for her family cares, as red-cheeked and smiling she told the world she had so many children she didn't know what to do. And when they swarmed out from the wings we could see that she certainly had a flock. We witnessed her bedtime attention, which was one application of the flat of her hand, as they passed her on their way to the little black house, in the shape of a shoe, which stood at the edge of the forest.

TOYS GATHER

But we did not leave them there, hungry and spanked, for the toys began to gather. Jack Horner brought a pie, little Miss Muffet a dish of curds, Humpty-Dumpty a dozen of eggs in a carton (from the Gordon Head Grocery), Little Bo-Peep a woolly lamb for their delight, and all the presentation speeches were in rhyme.

The Old Lady herself evidently went right to sleep, for long snores came from the little house, but eager little faces were to be seen peeking through the cracks as the donations were piled up at their door.

The bigger girls had a play about dolls that came to life, when the Fairy Queen touched them with her silver bells. Glassy-eyed dolls, stuffed with sawdust, suddenly changed into dancers, acrobats and singers, filling the stage with sound and movement, but at the stroke of the midnight hour the sawdust ran back into their veins, glassy eyes and wooden arms returned as the curtain fell.

A little girl in a white dress bordered by a rainbow sang the popular song in as sweet a voice as mortals ever hear; another one in kilts danced a Highland dance and a blackface comedian did a tap dance. In between acts, mysterious shufflings came from behind the curtain, and the footlights threw strange shadows on the ceiling, where arms and legs lengthened and contracted, and heads rolled, advancing, retreating.

"BUT IN THE VINEYARD that the donkey nibbled, the grapes were of superior quality and the wine made from them was excellent, while the other vineyard produced nothing but very ordinary wine. So Saint Martin imitated the donkey and clipped the vine close; his monks followed his example and vine-dressers have continued the practice to this day."

HAUT BRION is the oldest of the great Bordeaux vineyards, says Mr. Peixotto. As its name implies, it long belonged to the clergy—to the Mission Haut Brion—who so perfected its vines that they became a positive menace, as the following story shows:

"It seems that 'le Bon Bleu,' for some reason or other, became dissatisfied with the services of Saint Vincent, patron of vine-growers and cellarier of Paradise, and sent him back to earth to get a few new ideas in wine-growing.

MAKE-BELIEVE

At the end the performers sang for us Brahms' "Lullaby," and we went out in the night, with the soft melody running through our heads. It was good to be away from stern reality, even for two hours; back into the comforting world of make-believe, where Golden Boy always marries the princess and the wicked witch repents of her evil ways, and every thing always ends happily.

The next night we went out again. This holiday festivity does get into one's blood, and under its spell two nights in a row seemed like nothing to us.

We saw "Geneva," Bernard Shaw's play, revised to the last minute. We laughed at the witticisms of Miss Begonia Brown, from Camberwell. We inferred that the people of Camberwell do not like the people of Peckham.

Conan Doyle held that "The White Company" and "Sir Nigel" were the best things he had written and blamed Sherlock Holmes for obscuring what he called his "higher work."

ONE OF Sir James Frazer's dis-

tator glorious in crimson and purple, the other in gold mail, with a black and scarlet cloak. At the head of the table, in his capacity as judge, sat Barry Jones, with his soft voice, representing humanity at its best, trying to find some basis of understanding for his turbulent guests.

We listened to the boasts of the dictators, amid the rattle of sabres; we heard the English Foreign Secretary, with his complacent conservatism, and his frequent use of the word "un-English" to describe anything he didn't understand. We saw the bishop who fainted when he met a Communist face to face! The Communist who believed that the introduction of the Bible Society into Russia would mean the wholesale murder of the Russian people, basing his belief on the verse which says: "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins."

PERFECT INSULATION

Here they all were, 10 or 12 people, representing as many states of mind and points of view; they argue, brag, declaim, denounce, accuse. Not once do they cut into each other's wall of defense. Each is insulated into his own world into which there is no door.

Only one person makes an appeal to the others, and that is the sweet-spoken deaconess representing religion. She comes in unannounced and unwelcomed by all but the judge, who lets her stay and deliver her leaflets, against the protest of the others. The judge contends that God is a member of the Peace Court, and so has a right to send a representative.

We came away from "Geneva," sad with the truth of it, and realizing that for all his long years of life, George Bernard Shaw has misinterpreted or misunderstood.

SAINT MARTIN, of Tours,

France, of blessed memory, apostle of the Gauls, and patron saint of all good wine-drinkers, according to legend, was the first to plant the vine in his native land, and popular tradition has added that it was he who first introduced clipping the vines, says Ernest Peixotto, noted artist and writer in his fascinating book, "A Bacchic Pilgrimage: A Journey Through the Wine Provinces of France". And this is how it came about:

"Saint Martin had a donkey and he had two vineyards. In one of the vineyards, the donkey grazed, nibbling off, as he went about, the young and tender shoots; in the other the tendrils grew long and unrestrained.

THACKERAY might be considered happy when Anthony Trollope could write that all the world agreed that "Vanity Fair" was a masterpiece. But Thackeray was not content, for his great ambition was to write a successful play and he never achieved it.

Browning believed in himself as a dramatist in spite of public neglect, saying to a friend at the very end of his life: "Shall I whisper to you my ambition and my hope? It is to write a tragedy better than anything I have done yet. I think of it constantly."

And so it goes.

DURING THE World War, when those South African soldiers and statesmen, Generals Botha Smuts, were much to the front in London, two young maidens of 16 or thereabouts approached General Smuts and asked for his autograph.

"I haven't got a fountain pen," said the general much flattered.

"Yes," said one of the girls.

"So I took out my pencil," says the general—who loves to tell the story—"and signed my name in the daintily-bound little book that she had given me."

"THE DAMSEL studied the signature with a frown. Then she looked up and said:

"Aren't you General Botha?"

"No," I said, "I'm General Smuts."

The girl turned to her friend with a shrug of disgust. "Lend me your India-rubber May," she said.

THE GIVING of wedding presents originated in the custom of a newly-married couple going the round of their friends and relations for assistance to set up house. This was known as "Thigging" in Scotland. It later soft-ened into wedding presents.

WHY DO I LIVE? was the title of a poem recently submitted to a certain literary editor. The editor replied:

"Because you sent it by mail instead of coming round with it."

BOOKS

## BOOKS

Paints Detailed Picture  
Of J. Pierpont Morgan

YOU WILL NOT PUT DOWN Herbert Satterlee's "J. Pierpont Morgan: An Intimate Portrait" as a fast-moving book, nor a book thoroughly absorbing. But it is extremely informative, likewise important as a full-length picture of the man who for many years virtually dominated the financial world of the United States, organized the steel industry, ran the railroads. He once stopped a great financial panic in 1907, for three weeks had the fortunes of the nation in his hands. Yet he went to sleep in an important conference, played solitaire while many another vital meeting waited. This is the picture Satterlee gives you of this money-maker, art lover, huge old man. Excerpted briefly here is the episode in 1907 when he "played his cards" close to his vest:

"Surely there must come some gleam that will lighten this darkness. Some one has to do something to cut this knot of misunderstanding. The play did not depress me as much as it did some people."

Perhaps it was the effect of the children's concert, ending with Brahms' "Lullaby." I had it in my mind, even at the play; it came to me through the smother of talk, sweet as lilacs in the rain, to reassure me that life can be beautiful, and that some day release will come from this world of dictators who hold that war is a soul-strengthening experience and that war is needed to keep down population.

Even after seeing "Geneva" I keep hoping and praying for a miracle. Not that God will strike the dictators dead, nor send a scourge to wipe out the enemy armies. Not that. But a miracle of sudden understanding, which may have to come by some great act of sacrifice, which cannot be misinterpreted or misunderstood.

After several of these experiences, Miss Greene said to Mr. Morgan, "Why don't you tell them what to do, Mr. Morgan?" He answered: "I don't know what to do myself, but some time, someone will come in with a plan that I know will work; and then I will tell them what to do." Eventually it appeared that the only plan would be to issue Clearing House certificates, and Mr. Morgan agreed to that, although he did not like it, "it will work." It was made the program for the next day."

Life of Future  
Holds No Pills

IF YOU'VE WONDERED where science is taking humanity, you can do no better than read Gerald Wendt's fact-packed, immensely revealing book, "Science for the World of Tomorrow" (W. W. Norton). Dr. Wendt offers no program for the future. He opens the whole amazing vista of the laboratory from experiments in health to housing. Here's what he says, briefly, about the food of tomorrow:

"There are repeated predictions that the meal of the future will be a synthetic pill of some sort. That meal will be synthetic is unlikely and that they will be pills is impossible. One reason is that food must be adapted to the human digestive tract, which cannot be altered by the chemist. A second reason is that it will not be possible to produce foods that are more concentrated than some we have now....

"It is not possible here and now, to predict the course of events. From the chemical point of view it seems likely that we shall continue to depend on animals and plants for our basic foods—carbohydrates, fats and proteins—until the time when we understand the chemical process in the green leaf. Then we may be liberated from the plants for the production of carbohydrates and these great basic energy-producing foods may be produced in chemical plants operating with direct sunshine as a source of energy."

"If so, we should probably still depend on animals and some plants for fats and proteins. It is, however, very likely that the time is not far off when mineral constituents, vitamins, texture, color, and flavor of our foods will not only be independent of nature but will abandon all pretense of imitating nature, too."

"You and I will not like such foods, for we shall be old then and shall yearn for the old familiar things, but our children will shrug their shoulders, call us old-fashioned, and go on to new and better ways of living."

Mona Lisa Legend  
Revealed As Fantasy

THE YEAR has produced all manner of art books, layish and otherwise, covering the field from Giotto to Grant Wood. Within the range of and designed for every family book shelf is "World Famous Paintings," edited by Rockwell Kent (Wise and Cox) latest of the art books. This is a collection of 100 full-color plates, with brief biographical and critical comment accompanying each. Here are Da Vinci, Bellini, Watteau, Corot, Gainsborough, Rubens, Van Gogh, Cezanne, Sargent, Ryder, and scores of others. The frank, plain tone of the critical notes is illustrated here by the excerpt from the study of Mona Lisa by Da Vinci:

"This painting, perhaps the world's most famous portrait, has generated more nonsense than any other art-work in history. Thousands upon thousands of lines have been written about it; ecstasies have reached heavenly levels; men have seen in the subject eyes all of the world that has been and all of the world that is to be. This may be delightful fantasy, enjoyable daydreaming, even good writing—but as criticism it is dense and a sickening pretense."

"Mona Lisa is an unfinished portrait executed in a manner that was common to many painters of the Italian Renaissance. The

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picture, in terms of painting itself, is confused in its treatment; it gives the impression of a work whose elaboration was too far extended. The subject is not without psychological interest. The treatment of the mouth, upturned at the ends, makes the subject quizzical and curious. Legend has it that Leonardo had musicians present at all times to sustain the peculiar mood of his subject."

Backgrounds of War

IN YUTANG'S "Moment in Peking" (John Day) is like a sing-song Chinese melody, with high-pitched, plaintive overtones and deeper, throbbing basses. A simple song, and sweet, but melancholy with minor chords.

Encompassing a family's life from the Boxer Rebellion in 1900 to the present Japanese invasion, the story reveals the inner philosophy of the stoical Chinese, and the promise that Japan's conquest may ultimately backfire. Most important, however, is the insight the book provides into Chinese family life and customs.

The story is that of two daughters of a wealthy Chinese family, and is concerned more with their personal affairs—loves, weddings, funerals, their servants and friends. It is the story of Mulan, gay and soft-voiced and of Mochow, practical and bright-eyed.

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# War Threatens Progress of Science

SCIENCE'S greatest problem for 1940 is the growing disorganization of the world due to war, national and ideological conflicts and economic rivalry.

Research laboratories will continue to produce new discoveries and new syntheses of knowledge, but economic and political conditions will continue to determine how they are to be used.

There will be empty stomachs amidst a surplus of plenty. Brilliant scientific development will be warped to kill innocent men, women and children in order that barbaric rulers may have their sway.

#### FORCE NEEDED

Until human behavior develops further, until there are practical methods of entrenching democracy behind psychological defenses, until the world achieves some peaceful way of curbing the murderous or suicidal effects of aggressive leaders or self-righteous groups, what we believe to be intellectually and morally right must be defended by force when necessary.

In the complex of war and economic conflict, it is problematical whether any real beginning towards a new world order can be made during 1940. But the goal could be recognized and a clearing of the road begun.

Only in a constructive, organized environment can science contribute most effectively to progress. "Economic royalists" and "radicals" alike should realize that most kinds of science can be pursued and used under any sort of economic and political regime, if authority has the wisdom to nurture research. And science may be frustrated and sterilized under an unintelligent democracy.



Out of the pressure machinery pictured above in a Milan factory, emerges the artificial wool fibre made from skinned milk. Sixty-three quarts of Italian cow's milk are used to produce enough wool-like material for a two-piece suit,

just as effectively as under a totalitarian state.

There is every indication that science, especially in neutral countries, during 1940 will continue to be given effective support and that it will continue to produce.

#### 3,000-TON CYCLOTRON FORECAST

The exploration of the atom's energy will continue, through use of powerful cyclotrons, but only time will tell whether there will



Creating tire blowouts on a miniature scale in the laboratory is the latest way that science is combating heat—worst highway enemy of rubber. Shown above, a B. F. Goodrich engineer places a small cylinder of rubber from a tire tread in the shimming machine where, 1,800 times a minute, it receives jarring impacts and vibrations similar to those that a real tire receives hundreds of times each minute in travel on even the smoothest road. The samples are vibrated until the heat created in them make them melt and "blow out" in a violent explosion. The hole thus created in a sample is seen in the insert. By the device engineers can study the benefits of chemical compounds that make tires run cool.

tantalizing possibility of practical power from the atom. There is a good chance that a gigantic 3,000-ton cyclotron will be financed and begun.

Deepened understanding of human behavior will come through

studies of individuals exposed to war conditions which will help us to understand the organization and hygiene of personality.

To the immense problem of mental disease there will come new contributions, particularly to our knowledge of dementia praecox, but there will probably come a realization that the value of insulin and metrazol shock treatments is rather limited. Methods will be perfected for predicting the value of such treatments in particular cases.

The chemical conquest of disease will continue with the use of sulfa-nilamide, sulfapyridine and related substances. Clinical trials of new chemical substances for disease treatment should be watched for important results, while the disadvantages and dangers in chemical treatments will be recognized and guarded against.

#### HORMONES WILL BE STUDIED

Increasing knowledge about glands and their hormones promises to lead to new treatments of human patients. One of the most promising research fields is the relation of hormones to personality. Studies are likely to show significant values in some of them for the treatment of nervous and mental diseases.

The increasing number of old people in our population will gradually come to the attention of the public as our slowing population growth makes necessary economic changes. Political consequences of fewer children and greater longevity will continue to be felt. People continue to vote regardless of old age.

#### SYNTHETIC FIBRES

The new synthetic fibres, nylon, vinyon, wool from casein, will come into greater commercial use. One of the outstanding developments of the year will be the increasing use of high-test gasoline in aviation, made possible by chemistry, increasing efficiency and load-carrying capacity of airplanes.

Through an increasing use of radiosondes, robot weather instruments carried aloft by balloons which radio back their observations, the forecasting of weather will be made even more accurate. Some of these automatic instruments may be placed at remote, unattended locations in the Arctic and elsewhere to bring weather information from new localities.

#### ECLIPSE FORECAST

Of all scientists, the astronomer can be most precise in predictions. Most spectacular event of the year will be a parade of all the five planets that can be seen with the unaided eye. They will line up in the western sky at the end of February.

The world's outstanding science meeting in 1940 will be the Eighth American Science Congress, May 10 to 14, in Washington, which will bring together some 5,000 scientists of the Western Hemisphere.

Surveys of our science and research resources, including those in industry, are in progress and will come to fruition during 1940. This is basically a wartime measure, but out of the evaluations and fact-finding may come a new knocking together of research heads in various fields of knowledge.

## Health Prospects for Canada Good in 1940

By DR. LOUIS I. DUBLIN

Third Vice-president and Statistician, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

FOR SOME years, it has been my custom at this time to attempt a forecast of the health conditions likely to prevail during the coming year. My prediction for 1939 was unusually optimistic; and so it is especially gratifying to observe how closely conditions have followed the course I anticipated.

It can now be said with safety that 1939 will go down as one of the most healthful years in our history. In fact, it may even excel the banner year 1938 by a small margin. My evidence for this statement is primarily the experience of the many millions of industrial policy-holders of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. These men, women and children, scattered as they are through every part of Canada and the United States, form a very fair cross-section of the general population of these countries and their experience is a very sensitive index of the general health conditions in this part of the world.

#### LAST FORECAST CORRECT

In my prediction last year, I pointed out the possibility of an outbreak of influenza. This actually occurred early in 1939. The epidemic swept the southern and central United States, reaching its peak in March. Fortunately, the type of the disease was fairly mild, and it therefore failed to cause as many deaths as might have been expected in view of the large number of cases reported. Nevertheless, the effect of this epidemic on the general mortality of the people was noteworthy.

Deaths from heart disease, from diabetes, from cerebral hemorrhage and from cancer increased perceptibly over the year before. This is a phenomenon which has been observed many times before. Older people suffering from these conditions are much more prone to die as the result of an attack of influenza. By the end of May, the death rate among these policyholders was 3½ per cent higher than for the year before.

Beginning in June, however, and continuing in each of the succeeding months, the mortality declined to new lows, so that at the end of November the early excess of this year's death rate had been entirely erased.

In fact, with no untoward indication on the horizon we can now safely say that 1939 will



Using eggs instead of laboratory animals, veterinarians have developed a new method of creating vaccines for animal disease. Masked and gloved for protection against the deadly viruses with which they work, these operators are preparing vaccine from an egg in which an embryo chicken had been infected with equine sickness by puncturing the shell and injecting virus.

register the best mortality in the history of this large group of insured people. And there is a fair chance that the same will be found true for the people of Canada and the United States when the official records become available.

One of the most gratifying features of the 1939 health picture is the low death rate from pneumonia. Present figures indicate that the current year will register the very lowest mortality from this disease ever experienced in this country.

Undoubtedly, a good part of this achievement can be attributed to the new treatment for pneumococcal pneumonia with sulfapyridine and type-specific antiserums. The widespread adoption of this treatment with the splendid results universally reported promises to relegate within a few years this hitherto dire scourge to a minor position among the important causes of death.

The present year has been very kind to babies and young children. Those conditions and diseases chiefly responsible for the high mortality among infants, as well as the various communicable diseases of childhood, were all less prevalent than usual with the exception of infantile paralysis.

Smallpox showed a substantial decrease over the last two years, although it is likely that at least 9,500 cases of this loathsome disease will have been recorded in this country now that 1939 has ended. As usual, those places chiefly responsible for this disgraceful record are sections of the country where compulsory vaccination is not generally ac-

cepted as a preventive of the disease.

I wish it were possible to report similarly gratifying progress in the control of those chronic affections resulting from the degenerative processes associated with advancing age.

Reports for the current year afford no indication that we have made any progress toward checking the mortality from these conditions. In fact, such diseases as cancer, diabetes, heart disease, and cerebral hemorrhage were all responsible for still higher death tolls than they exacted during the previous year.

However, little success could have been expected in this direction since we have really not yet awakened to the need and feasibility of combating these leaders among the causes of death.

#### TRAFFIC DEATHS INCREASE

However, our greatest disappointment lies in our failure to duplicate the gains of last year against motor vehicle accidents. Apparently, the gains registered in this direction during the earlier part of the year have been dissipated in the closing months.

The remarkably fine weather this autumn has been conducive to increased motoring, with its accompanying grist of fatal accidents. The number of automobile deaths seem likely to exceed those reported in 1938.

As to the prospects for the coming year, it is perhaps too much to expect a continuation of the exceptionally favorable conditions that have prevailed during the last two years.

Nevertheless, at the present writing, there is nothing that would lead one to expect otherwise. We cannot, of course, anticipate the so-called "acts of God" such as earthquakes, tidal waves, hurricanes, etc., nor can we foresee very far in advance such visitations as the great pandemic of influenza which overwhelmed the country in the fall of 1918. Great wars often breed widespread epidemics of diseases which ordinarily are kept under control and for that reason it is possible that we may have to cope with such an aftermath of the present deplorable situation in Europe.

Barring such contingencies, there is every reason to believe that 1940 will be another year of good health for the Canadian people.

For one thing, there never has been a time when the people as a whole and as individuals were so health conscious as at present. More and more they are coming to realize the important place that good health has in our na-

## Sensational Garand Rifle Deadly



THIRTY-SIX SOLDIERS, armed

with the U.S. Army's new

Garand rifle, could annihilate an

entire infantry regiment in 60

seconds in open country fighting.

That's the opinion of officers who recently watched New York National Guardsmen test the Garand.

A dozen men fired at a silhouette target 200 yards away.

In one minute, they registered

402 hits, 300 of them bull's-eyes.

The detail averaged 34 shots per

minute per man.

It is because of this greater accuracy and firing speed that the army officially adopted the semi-automatic Garand to supplant the time-honored Springfield.

Like the Springfield, the Garand is a clip-fed shoulder rifle. But there the resemblance stops.

As seen in the photo above, it uses an eight-cartridge clip instead of the Springfield's five.

The loading mechanism is oper-

ated by a gas pressure generated in the chamber when a cartridge is fired, eliminating the familiar bolt on the Springfield breech mechanism.

Gas operation also, of course, eliminates the awkward manual movements necessary for successive shots with the older weapon. Instead of raising the bolt, opening the breech, closing the breech and snapping the bolt, the doughboy just squeezes the Garand's trigger.

The gas cylinder is shown in muzzle view below. Gas, entering the cylinder as the bullet leaves the muzzle, operates a piston which unlocks the bolt, empties the cartridge case and compresses a spring. This closes the bolt and reloads the chamber.

For all its advantages, the Garand rifle weighs only 9½ pounds,

a half-pound heavier than the Springfield.

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# Nobel Explosives Fortune Works for Peace

By WILLIS THORNTON

ALFRED BERNHARD NOBEL invented dynamite and a whole string of the explosives that were the ancestors of cordite, nitroglycerin, smokeless powder and the whole high-explosive armament of today.

His explosives helped to kill men in all the wars of the past 80 years. But of all names in the peace movement, his probably springs first to mind because of the publicity that has been given to the "Nobel Prizes" he endowed for outstanding workers for peace.

Nobel was a Swedish chemist and engineer. His key discovery was that when nitroglycerin is mixed with an absorbent, inert substance, it is safer and easier to handle—this was dynamite. He patented this and other combinations of nitroglycerin with gun-cotton. He was also adept at the construction of naval torpedoes and mines.

All the rest of his life he was involved in lawsuits over these various patents. From the manufacture of these explosives and from exploitation of the rich Russian oil fields of Baku, he piled up a tremendous fortune.

When he died, by a self-drawn will Nobel left the bulk of his vast estates to the establishment of five prizes, to be awarded by a permanent foundation bearing his name. Nobel, despite his dynamite, was by conviction a pacifist; despite his vast fortune, he was half a Socialist.

For outstanding work in physics, in chemistry, in medicine, in literature and in work for peace, Nobel left prizes each of whose annual total is around \$40,000.

#### MAKES AWARDS INTERNATIONAL

As dynamite and death are international in their conception, so Nobel was international in his conception. He decreed that "in the awarding of prizes, no consideration whatever be paid to the nationality of the candidates." The first prizes were awarded in 1901; the first peace prize in 1903.

At this time there were more than 400 Peace Societies scattered throughout the world, and Nobel's award did much to make peace work respectable.

The first winner was Sir W. R. Cremer, a British writer and member of Parliament, who was leader of the peace bloc in that body. He had a big hand in ar-



Elihu Root: Winner of Nobel Peace award for work both in The Hague and the U.S.



Theodore Roosevelt: Honored by Nobel for his help in ending Russo-Japanese War.

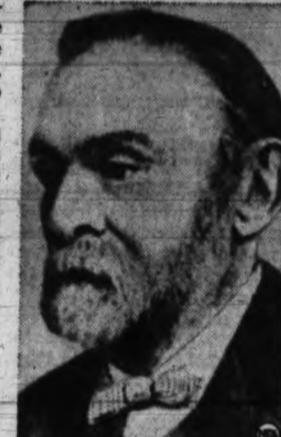
ranging a treaty of arbitration between France and England under which they agreed for five years to submit to The Hague "differences of a judicial order, which it may not be possible to settle by means of diplomacy."

Even this treaty was restricted to questions not involving the vital interests, independence, or honor of the contracting parties, nor third parties. Diluted though it was, this arbitration treaty was the forerunner of more than 150 similar arbitration treaties which were to be concluded during the next 10 years.

#### ROOSEVELT, ROOT WIN PEACE PRIZES

Theodore Roosevelt won the Nobel Peace award in 1906 as a result of his part in ending the Russo-Japanese War. Elihu Root won it in 1912 for his work as counsel and member of the Court of Arbitration at The Hague, and for his work as the recognized leader of the peace movement in the United States.

Woodrow Wilson was the winner in 1919, when the award recognized his leading role in formation of the League of Nations. In 1925 it went to Charles Gates Dawes for his efforts to unravel the reparations tangle resulting from the World War.



Alfred Nobel: Turned explosives profits to peace.

The Nobel Peace Prize has also been awarded to institutions, as in 1904 to the Institute of International Law. In many years it was not awarded at all, because no work for peace seemed worthy. Nobel prizes are being withheld this year because of the European war.

Cremer, though little known today, is an example of the devotion of many to the cause of Spain.

peace during the early years of the 20th century. Though old and poor when he received the prize, turned it all over to peace work. Other winners have done the same.

#### NOBEL DIES IN PEACETIME

Nobel lived most of his life in Paris, and died at San Remo, Italy, in 1896.

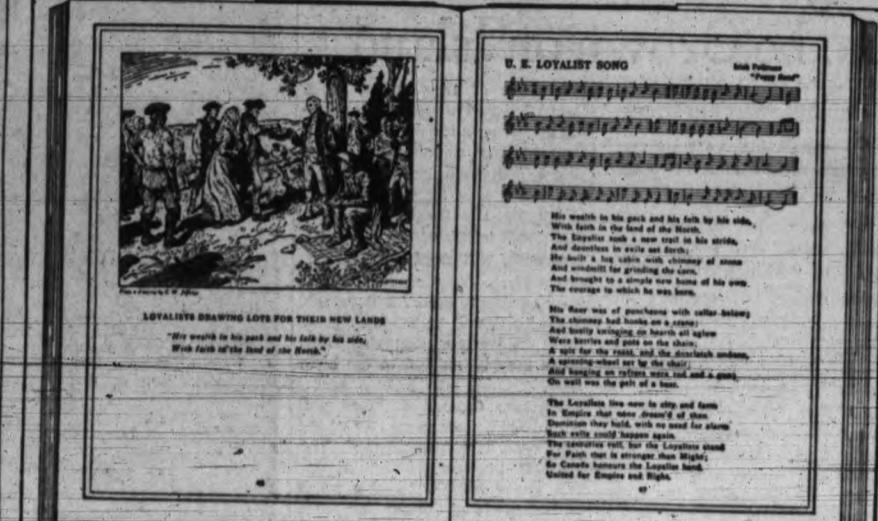
The outlook for peace seemed hopeful. The British and United States boundary dispute over the line between the Yukon and British Columbia was just being peacefully settled by a commission.

A similar peaceful boundary dispute between Venezuela and British Guiana was also being adjusted. The United States, Russia and Japan were peacefully meeting to adjust conflicting sealing claims in northern waters.

An international commission had just awarded Britain \$463,454 in compensation for vessels seized by the United States in the Bering Sea dispute. The prospect for peace was never better.

But between Nobel's death and the first award of the Nobel prize the British were hub-deep in war with the Boers, and the United States was already at war with Spain.

# New Songs of Canadian Life



Two pages of the new book of Canadian ballads by John Murray Gibbon and published by the Ryerson Press, Toronto.

#### SINGING OF CANADA

new songs of Canada have come to life over the past few months and now they are given to the world by John Murray Gibbon's new book, "New World Ballads," which has just



J. M. GIBBON

come from the Ryerson Press, Toronto. It is a most attractive little book, beautifully printed and illustrated and for each ballad there is a pleasant singable old tune that Mr. Gibbon has dug from somewhere out of the past.

The songs are gathered into 10 groups which, in a general way, cover different periods of Canadian history such as "The Pioneers" and "Settlement and Inde-

pendence," while others sing of mountains, rivers and prairies. Then too, there are ballads of the canoe, of the trail and of the seasons—in short, it is a very comprehensive book of Canadian song which should meet with a hearty welcome from Canadians everywhere.

The tunes selected and printed with the ballads are lovely old melodies which have been brought to Canada by settlers from the British Isles and from Europe. Some of these are dance tunes, some are tunes of which the words are no longer generally known or which belong to a language that is not English. Mr. Gibbon has written the ballads especially for these tunes.

The writing of ballads to fit old and well-loved tunes dates from the time of Shakespeare. When Queen Elizabeth came to the throne of England in 1558, the

balladmonger sang at the fair, the words of broadsheets which he sold for a penny. Shakespeare knew them, and in the snatches of song in "Hamlet," "The Merry Wives of Windsor" and "A Winter's Tale" revealed how much he owed to the ballad singers. Up to the time of Oliver Cromwell, lyric poetry was not yet considered as something apart from music, so we find Christopher Marlowe, John Jonson, George Mither, John Donne and Robert Herrick, all great poets, still writing verses to old tunes. Later John Gay took tunes from France as well as England, and we find succeeding poets, including Burns, Scott, Stevenson and Moore writing ballads based on a tune.

New World Ballads is an ideal collection of songs to make the music hour a memorable one in schools and camps as well as in homes.

# The Ancient One Observes—

#### The Ration Cards Of Hitt the Spout

By DON CANTRELL

AND SO IT CAME to pass that Hitt the Spout said unto the people of the Land of Hun:

"So that all may share alike I shall give unto each and every one of you a small piece of paper which shall be called a 'Ration Card' so that no person shall have more than his allotted share."

Now these were indeed strange things, for whosoever shall lose his card shall be forced to go naked among the people and also starve to death, for no one shall use the card of another.

But when the women of the Land of Hun heard of these new laws they were exceedingly angry

for they no longer could adorn

themselves with strange things

upon their heads or in fine raiment as the women of other lands.

So they said unto Hitt the Spout:

"Thou hast said that our ships

of war doth rule the sea and our

birds of war doth rule the air and

thine cross which is doubled both rule all; yet the ships of the world no longer come into our havens and those things that thou didst say would come from the Land of Russ are still to come. Many bold words hast thou spoken of victory yet when the time did come to battle with the enemy thy ships did flee and in fear and trembling sink themselves.

Now when Hitt the Spout heard this he replied unto them in anger:

"Always the women of the world hath said unto the men that they have nothing in which to clothe themselves. So the men have gone forth and paid many pieces of gold and silver so that they might be well clothed, but knowing in their hearts that it was not the truth. Therefore I say unto you, thou dost not need clothing to adorn thyself. All the paint of this land shall be used to paint the ships of war and not thy faces, and likewise the steel which makes them shapeliness shall be cast into weapons and not used to shanare the men-folk, and the silk that encases thy legs shall be

used for the birds of war that fly in the air and not to attract the eyes of those that thou would entice."

And so the women of the Land of Hun went to their homes in silence.

But Hitt the Spout had indeed made a great mistake, for he knew not that no woman could remain silent for long.

But thinking that he had done that which was right he went back into the mountains to confer with the evil spirits, and upon his way he did espy a young man of the Land of Hun with his arms about a fair maiden and the young maiden gazed up into the eyes of the young man and he did bestow a kiss upon her.

When Hitt the Spout saw this he said unto the young man:

"Hast thou thy card for this?"

But the young man replied unto him saying that there was nothing of this upon his card.

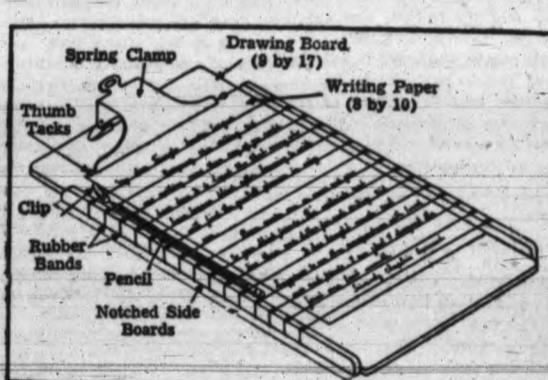
So Hitt the Spout cried out in anger:

"Mein Gott! This shall be rationed also."



SNAPSHOT WORTH \$1,500—Grand prize winner at Washington Salon of the Newspaper National Snapshot Awards is this picture entered by Joseph Guillotet of Dayton, Ohio. Besides \$1,000 award, Guillotet won \$500 first prize in class for pictures of children.

# Blind Helps Blind to Write



Sketch shows "writing aid" — simple, home-made device which enables the sightless to write.

THE BLIND long have been able to read by the Braille system, but it remained for Lieut.-Commander Joseph B. Ernest of the U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps at Vallejo, Calif., to give the blind a chance to write.

It wasn't necessary for a surgeon to tell the aging Ernest that he had gone blind one morning last December. Darkness had closed in on him—and he knew it. But he determined to rise above the tragedy. Because he likes to write, he supplemented modern aids to the blind with an invention of his own.

He calls this implement the "writing aid." It consists of a 9x17-inch drawing board, a spring clasp, rubber bands, two strips of wood, two thumb tacks, a paper clip. The working model cost less than \$1.

The board provides a writing surface; the clasp, at the top of the board, holds the paper in place. The 17-inch length permits the hand to be at the same

writing level on the bottom line as at the top.

Two narrow strips of wood, notched at even intervals, are attached to the sides of the board, with the base of the notches one-sixteenth of an inch above the board. Two thumb tacks near the point of spring contact, define the upper limit of the writing paper.

Stretched across the board at each notch are four pairs of rubber bands, forming raised parallel lines. When lower parts of such letters as "J" and "Y" are written, the bands' elasticity brings the pencil back to the line automatically.

The clip can be hung on a rubber band to mark the place, in case the writer is interrupted.

Chaplain Ernest has no desire to patent his discovery, but he hopes that every blind person will find out how to build a "writing aid"—giving them an opportunity to express their thoughts other than orally.

"When I became blind," he says, "I began to wonder what to do with my life. I wanted to keep in close personal touch with



Lieut.-Commander Ernest is writing a letter.

#### Books for Children

By OLIVE ROBERTS BARTON

Boys and girls read pretty much the same type of books up to 10 or 12. Boys may not care for the straight girl story unless it includes boys. But for the most part they will enjoy the same stories.

"The Turf-Cutter's Donkey Kicks Up His Heels," by Patricia Lynch (Dutton).

"The Happy Flute," by Saint Ram-Mandal (Stokes).

"Tall Timber Tales," by Dell J. McCormick (Caxton).

"Wooden Saddles," by Marion Lay (Morrow).

"Francie on the Run," by Hilda Van Stockum (Viking).

"Under Three Flags," by Margaret B. Humphrey (Caxton).

"Pixie on the Post Road," by Eleanore Hubbard Wilson (Dutton).

"Bright Morning," by Charlie May Simon (Dutton).

"The Magical Jumping Beans," by Eleanore Hubbard Wilson (Dutton).

"Peter Hale," by Julia Davis (Dutton).

where," by Ruth Manning Sanders (Stokes).

"JoJo's Idea," by Kathleen Morrow Elliot (Borzoi).

HORSE STORIES ALWAYS POPULAR

"Shaggy, the Horse From Wyoming," by Russell Gordon Carter (Houghton Mifflin).

"SOS Geneva," by Richard Plant and Oscar Seidlin (Viking).

"Hobby Horse Hill," by Lavinia R. Davis (Doubleday Doran).

"Turi of the Magic Fingers," by Henry Lionel Williams (Viking).

"Joan and the Three Deer," by Marjorie Medary (Random House).

"Two Sailors and Their Voyage Around Cape Horn," by Warwick M. Tompkins (Viking).

"Circus Shoes," by Noel Streetfield (Random House).

friends and relatives elsewhere. I thought there must be some way I could write to them, without the aid of others. I have found the way."

Ernest is a Ph.D. graduate of the University of Virginia.



# Farm Garden



## Sugar Beets for Seed To be Grown on Island

By R. K. CARNEGIE  
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP) — Canadian farmers will be asked to undertake specialty jobs this year because of the war and grow fibre seed, sugar beet seed and soy beans as well as producing more pork, cheese and ordinary flax seed for making linseed oil.

Reports from the provinces reaching Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, in the past few days concerning the work of co-ordinating the war effort on the farms, indicate that plans are moving ahead satisfactorily. By springtime the entire situation should be pretty well in hand.

Soon after war was declared the agricultural supplies committee was appointed by the Dominion government to join with the provincial agricultural departments to direct farm industry into channels which would do most good.

Justice Department officials since have found that it should not have been called a committee but a board and a new order-council is to be passed soon making it the Agricultural Supply Board, but the personnel, with A. M. Shaw as chairman, will remain unchanged.

One of the problems that the board is working out with the provincial farm experts is to guarantee that the farmers have plenty of high-quality seed. Much of the seed used in Canada normally came from parts of Europe now involved in the war. The practice of the Canadian trade to keep from one to two years' supplies of seed on hand has proved fortunate because it will give this country time to grow its own.

### HAVE YEAR'S SUPPLY

In a normal year about 90 per cent of Canada's supply of sugar beet seed came from Germany and Poland, but the two districts where sugar beets are grown on a large scale—Chatham, Ont., and Raymond, Alta.—have sufficient supplies for this year and three-quarters of what will be required under normal conditions in 1941, according to seed experts here.

However, as more land than usual will be planted to beets to guard against a sugar shortage, seed requirements will be above the normal.

Seed men expect about 300 acres in the western Ontario district will be planted with full-grown beets saved over from last year to provide seed for 1941 and another 150 acres will be planted in Alberta. It takes two years to produce seed from seed.

As a further precaution, sugar beets entirely for seed production are to be grown on Vancouver Island and on the British Columbia mainland. Some seed also is to be sent to the United States to be grown there for the Canadian sugar-beet industry.

With all these precautions seed authorities expect the industry will be well protected and production of beet sugar will continue to increase.

### MANGEL SEEDS

Canada uses about 190,000 pounds of mangel seed annually and while most of this comes from the United Kingdom where growers have guaranteed supplies for future years, Canada will endeavor to grow 32,000 pounds as a protection in the Maritimes and at Dominion experimental farms in several provinces.

Most of the 160,000 pounds of swede turnip seed sown in Canada comes from the United Kingdom and Canadian farmers will continue to rely on that source, the view being that with Great Britain buying so much from Canada any product the United Kingdom can supply Canada should be bought from that source at this time. Some turnip seed will be grown here but, only as a protection against shortage.

Last year Canada had about 8,000 acres in fibre flax, used to make linen, and present plans call for this acreage to be doubled. A section of 3,000 acres will be planted to fibre flax in the Ottawa Valley and the remainder of the increased acreage in those parts of Ontario and Quebec where it is already being grown.

A. Fyfe of the British Fibre Control Board has been in Canada assisting in the arrangements. Considerable quantities of last year's flax seed grown in Canada will go to northern Ireland to supply the needs there normally met by European countries.

Canada will need considerable quantities of soy beans, particularly to supply feed for livestock, and efforts will be made to grow them in western Ontario. Corn lands may be shifted to the bean crop.

Western Canada farmers will be urged to grow more flax of the type used in making linseed oil. The 2,500,000 bushels grown last year fell about 500,000 bushels short of the needs of Canada for paint oils and oil cakes which are fed to livestock.

British Columbia will this year make a definite bid to capture the sugar beet seed industry.

Because of war in Europe the seed from countries of those continents will not be exported to Canada.

Sugar beet has been grown for seed on Vancouver Island for many years, but never in a very extensive way, as European countries, particularly Denmark, specialized in the industry.

Because of the climate, Vancouver Island and the lower mainland are most suited economically for the growth of sugar beet seed.

The beets should be left in the ground over the winter for the best seed; this, of course, cannot be done in the prairie provinces, where the ground is frozen hard for nearly six months each year.



—Photo by Agnes Flett.

The Cowichan Horse Breeders' Association is now making plans for an active year, following a most successful season in 1939. At a recent field day on the Koksilah farm of B. Young, 14 foals and their dams made a fine display, and an attendance of more than 100 farmers and other interested persons show the keen interest being taken by the public. I. L. Beattie of Mission City judged the entries and congratulated the exhibitors and the association on the very fine and promising type exhibited. The entries, he said, would hold their own in any show ring. He advised farmers to use every effort to increase the number of horses — as the horse has proved to be the most economical power on the farm, especially well suited to the farms of Vancouver Island. While the tractor had its place and uses, he said, for reliability and economy the horse could not be beaten, and the Percheron type had proved throughout Canada to be the most suitable and able to stand up to

really hard work, under all conditions.

The Cowichan Association (a purely co-operative group, formed by a few Cowichan farmers and their friends) bought "Wimborne Job," a registered Percheron stallion (above) some months ago. He is now four years old and in his second year on the road.

The principal prize winners at the field day were as follows: Class 1, open—1, David Page; 2, M. Underwood; 3, G. Thorne. Class 2—1, David Page; 2, M. Underwood; 3, E. Williams.

## VICTORIA SHIPPED MUCH HOLLY TO PEOPLE IN EAST

The Christmas season produced some of the finest holly ever seen in Victoria and hundreds of pounds of it were mailed by Victorians to friends and relatives in eastern Canada and the United States.

The holly this year was unusually beautiful, with great clusters of large, particularly vivid red berries; the leaves were a deeper green and shiny. A warm autumn, with plenty of sunshine, redened the berries; and cropping practices can be utilized to best advantage.

Soil survey information can and has been used with marked success in directing settlement to the better soil types, in the planning of proper land utilization, in the assessing of land in accordance with its productive power, in the direct solution of soil problems and in focusing attention on potential agricultural problems related to the soil.

## Cleanliness of Cattle

The problem of producing clean milk and first class dairy products is demanding more and more attention from the dairy farmer. The question of buildings also merits consideration. A modern dairy barn is airy, well ventilated, and is free from dampness. It has steel stanchions or adjustable cattle ties, and the length of the stall and the width of the gutter are constructed so that cows of different size can be placed accordingly. With the older barns, each has a particular problem in order to change or modify it to satisfy modern requirements for clean milk production.

Another problem is that of keeping the stable clean. It should be remembered that clean milk production requires dust-free air at milking time. Therefore the throwing down of hay,

the cleaning out of the stable, or the cleaning of cows stir up dust and odors, some of which may contaminate the milk.

If stables cannot be cleaned out at least one-half hour before milking it is better to delay this operation till after milking has taken place. However, manure should be scraped carefully into the gutter and the bedding rearranged without causing any more dust than possible.

The problem of keeping dust, dirt and odors out of milk is not only a question of cleanliness, but also one of feeding. Turnips, silage, or other strong-smelling feeds should not be fed just prior to milking, nor should the odor of silage be in the milking barn at milking time. If this point is neglected it is highly probable that the milk will become tainted.

The cleanliness of the cows' bodies is one of the chief factors relating to the contamination of milk. If the cows are allowed to become filthy through standing or lying in the gutter, defective milk is likely to result. In addition, to keep cows clean and to avoid contamination, the thorough grooming of the cows daily and the clipping of the hair on their udders, flanks and tails is definitely recommended. Further, it is a good plan to wash the udder and flanks before milking, and to wash the switch of the cow's tail at frequent intervals.

The observance of these points relating to the sanitation of cows, together with the use of thoroughly clean and sterilized utensils, will result in higher quality milk and greater returns from the milking herd.

### Farm Notes

Preliminary estimates of commercial production of clover and grass seed in Canada in 1939 compiled from reports from the district offices of the Plant Products Division, Dominion Department of Agriculture are as follows: Red clover, 3,375,000 lb., compared with 6,190,000 lb. in 1938, and the 10-year (1929-38) average of about 3,120,000 lb.; alfalfa, 2,185,000 lb., compared with 7,006,000 lb. in 1938 and the 10-year average of 3,338,000 lb.; sweet clover, 6,775,000 lb., compared with 11,823,000 lb. in 1938 and the 10-year average of 5,500,000 lb.



The rooster, in all his red-crowned majesty, is the "big shot" of the barnyard. Because the hen's eyes are distorted by psychic factors, the male looms above her, as seen in this hen's-eye view of the barnyard. New York's American Museum of Natural History explains that the hen gets this perspective because she is held in check by the laws of her society.

## Removal Is Only Cure For Unthrifty Trees

By DR. WM. NEWTON,  
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Saanichton.

The discovery is comparatively recent that virus diseases of tree fruits are often the cause of unthriftness, mottled and misshapen foliage, off-flavored and abnormal shaped fruit. Up to a few years ago, the cause of these abnormalities was attributed usually to unbalanced or inadequate soil nutrient conditions.

Unfortunately, the symptoms induced by malnutrition are often very similar to those produced by infectious virus diseases. The only reliable proof an unthrifty tree is free from virus diseases is to transfer buds to a corresponding healthy tree or seedling of the same variety. If the healthy tree develops symptoms similar to the unthrifty bud parent, the tree is infected with a virus and as such is a menace to all trees of the same species in the neighborhood.

Orchardists frequently hesitate to remove unthrifty trees when they appear in their orchards. Since there is no cure for virus disease, it usually pays to remove at once any unthrifty trees, especially if they bear abnormal characters known to be typical of virus disease. Malnutrition may be the cause of the trouble, but the risk of waiting for several years for adequate proof will seldom pay, for should the condition be due to virus, nothing but removal will check its spread. Virus diseases of tree fruits are now so plentiful that disease-free trees as bud or scion sources should be selected with special care by nurserymen and orchardists.

## Cooked Potatoes For Bacon Hogs Have Good Results

A considerable portion of the potato crop is unsuitable for seed or table stock. Various methods of utilizing the cul potato have been suggested, and one method is to feed the potatoes to livestock. Potatoes may be fed to practically all kinds of livestock, but they have their greatest feed value when cooked and fed to hogs.

It has been demonstrated by many feeding trials at various institutions that four pounds of boiled or steamed potatoes will replace approximately one pound of ground barley, when fed in a balanced ration to hogs. Hogs of all ages relish cooked potatoes and balanced rations including cooked potatoes produce bacon of excellent quality.

Potatoes are low in minerals so rations including potatoes should be fortified with mineral supplements. A satisfactory home-mixed mineral supplement consists of 40 pounds bone meal, 40 pounds ground limestone and 20 pounds salt. When potatoes are fed, about four pounds of this mineral mixture may be mixed with each 100 pounds of the grain portion of the ration. Potatoes are also low in protein, so care should be taken to feed plenty of skim milk. If skim milk is not available, a protein supplement such as fish meal should form about 20 per cent of the grain portion of the ration until the pigs weigh about 120 pounds. The protein supplement can then be reduced, to about 10 per cent.

Extensive experiments with feeding potatoes to hogs and ensiling potatoes in trench silos for hogs have proved that potatoes can be ensiled in trench silos by slicing them and mixing about 5 per cent by weight of moist fermented corn meal with them, as they are being ensiled. The silage will keep for at least two years and probably longer, if properly ensiled. Better results will be obtained if the silage is cooked before it is fed. This silage is nearly twice as high in dry matter as fresh potatoes, so it should be fed at the rate of only about two pounds to each pound of meal mixture.

## CANADA DID WELL AT GRAIN SHOW

At the 40th International Livestock Exposition and 21st International Grain and Hay Show held at Chicago December 2 to 9, 1939, Canadian exhibitors won a total of 400 prizes, comprising 17 championships, nine reserve championships, two champion top bull sales, two special association prizes, 70 first prizes and 300 other prizes.

# A PAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

## Uncle Ray

### Locomotive "Charged" Greenish Ice on Tracks

EXCEPT IN THE CASE of a blizzard, snow usually is "soft and fluffy" as it falls. The flakes tumble gently out of the sky, and in some parts of the world they keep falling so long that a person is likely to wonder, "Will the sky ever get through sending down snow?"

Perhaps a whole day passes with snow falling, and the next day it may be the same. At such a time we may think of Whittier's famous poem, "Snowbound," which tells of people blocked inside the home after a huge snowfall.

A quart of snow does not always weigh the same amount. Old, close-packed snow weighs more than loose, new-fallen snow. Usually from nine to 12 quarts of snow are needed to weigh as much as one quart of water.

If left on the ground a long time, a layer of snow may become icy. It is common for it to turn to ice if other layers gather above and press it down. That is the secret of how snow turns into the ice of glaciers.

So the way was freed for train

blocked with snow, or snow-ice. This was due to one snowfall after another, plus several snow-slides from the canyon slope.

A railway train with workmen steamed as far as possible up the canyon. Then pickaxes were tried on the close-packed snow, much of which had turned into ice of a greenish color.

The pickaxes were of little help, so a plan was made to blow up the mass over the tracks. Holes were drilled and dynamite was placed in them. The blasting did a great deal to break up the snow-ice, but did not make it quite ready to be taken away.

The engineer backed up his train, then unhooked the locomotive, which was fitted at the front with a strong plough. Next came a "charge," the locomotive battering into the snow and ice.

Again and again the locomotive charged, getting a start each time of from 70 to 100 yards. At last the workmen were able to clear the tracks by tossing chunks of the snow and ice into a deeper part of the canyon.

So the way was freed for train



It was back to school last Wednesday morning for a great many children in Greater Victoria. They had enjoyed a longer Christmas holiday than usual. The five little maids shown in the above picture as they mounted the steps to Quadra School are in grade 5, and are from left to right: Ann Gill, 3117 Quadra Street, age eight; Joan Kirley, 2749 Quadra Street, age eight; Betty Bryson, 1362 Carlin Street, age nine; Norma Dunn, 1015 Tolmie Avenue, age ten, and Margaret Turner, 1325 Carlin Street, age nine.

## Smoky, the Jealous Cat

By LESTER BANKS

I SUSPECT THAT my wife and I are known as particularly fond of cats; for twice during the last few weeks kittens have been left in the alley near our basement door.

In the first case I found a good home for the little fellow without much trouble; but the other baby, only about five weeks old, was a female, and though I went to all the neighbors' houses within two blocks, no one would accept it. Strange, too, for it was a beautiful blue with white marking and fully Persian.

With a cat of our own and a half interest in two living nearby, we didn't really want another, but finally decided to keep it. Since losing our beloved black-and-white Boots, we're felt that responsibility for one pet at a time is about all we can carry.

Our cat, Smoky, resented the stranger's presence. She will play with most any cat in the yard, but as soon as she saw that the kitten was to be adopted, she would have nothing to do with it. Ordinarily, in the house she had always carried her great fan-like tail over her back (almost touching her

head with it), but the tail went down, and she moped about with a sad expression in her big eyes. Even my wife could not pet her into purring, and she ate virtually nothing.

The first night the kitten cried, and my wife took it upon her bed—whereupon Smoky promptly got down. The next morning we found her in the basement, still further crestfallen and wholly unwilling to eat. Entirely absent were all her usual greetings and evidences of happiness. Smoky was heartbroken. But she never once molested the little one.

I REMARKED that we would have to be particularly careful if we let Smoky out. It was a good thing I had that thought. In the afternoon my wife let her out for some exercise, but not until I had gone to the street, near the cat's usual exit from the yard.

Just to see if my suspicion was correct, I hid across the street. Smoky sat on the porch a few minutes, and seemed to be thinking the situation over. Then she slowly walked out to the street—and started her doubtful future. Where she would have gone no

one knows, but she was abdicating; I'm as sure of that as I ever was of anything.

I walked after her, calling her name. She stopped, but as I started to pick her up she slapped at me (for the first time), and proceeded. I followed, called again, and this time took her up.

My wife had the kitten shut up in the basement. Smoky searched, and when she didn't find the "nuisance," began to cheer up a bit. We kept them apart in that way until, by phone, we next day located a home for the kitten.

The incident confirmed my contention that cats have individuality just as do dogs and horses. Many times we've had more than one cat, and usually each seemed more contented for the other's presence. But with Smoky it was radically different. She has never known any but her present home, has never been much petted by anyone but my wife and me. We never allow other persons to feed our pets. Smoky is, thus, a one-place cat, a one-family pet, and will never submit to a division of her home and her mistress's love. She isn't at all ill-tempered, but sensitive; and, believe me, most well-bred cats are.

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9. Do not be selfish.

10. Be good in all ways, at play, at home, at school, at church.

"Well, it's sure was easy enough for Babe to write them down, but she found it a whole lot harder to carry them out," I said. "Every time she slips we bawl her out and then she thinks we're mean

Microscope photographs of snowflakes made by the late W. A. Bentley, who was known as the "Snowflake Man." Note that "no two are alike."

EIGHT YEARS AGO something happened in western Colorado which showed how hard snow can get. Along one side of the Animas canyon in the San Juan mountains, a railway line was

service to the little mining town of Silverton. Without food brought by train, the people of Silverton would have been in danger of going hungry, possibly starving.

### Why "John Bull"?

THE MOST plausible explanation of how the name "John Bull" came to typify the British character is that in 1712 a Scottish doctor John Arbuthnot, who wrote

a book called the "History of John Bull." It poked fun at political intrigues of the time and various nations were pictured as persons. England was John Bull, hearty and blunt, the bulldog; France was "Lewis Baboon";

Spain was "Lord Strutt," and the Netherlands, "Nicholas Frog," after the fable.

The gentleman-farmer character of John Bull came much later and was drawn by Sir Francis Gould, the cartoonist.

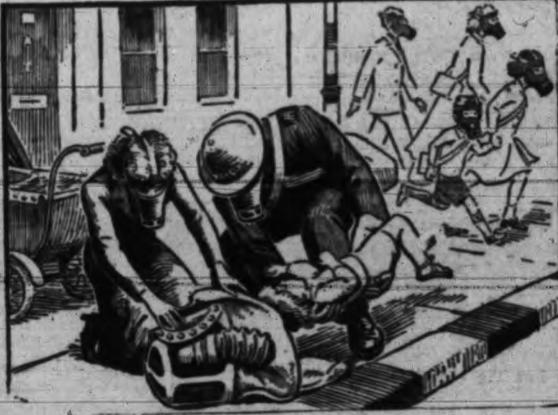
Another explanation is that the composer of "God Save the King" was Dr. John Bull, later organist at Antwerp Cathedral. British people, the world over, are supposed to possess the tenacity and staying-power of the bulldog.

What we have we hold!"

## Ready for Air Raids in England



Fear of poison gas attacks has brought about the making and wearing of millions of gas masks in Europe. Masks for adults have been common since the World War, but until recently no good way was known to protect babies. In Great Britain the problem has been answered by the "cubby house," a kind of tent. In this picture we see mothers learning how to protect a baby with a cubby house. The officer is holding two life-sized dolls, which are used for practice.



Great Britain's A.R.P. (Air Raids Precaution) service contains thousands of members, including policemen. Our artist shows a scene in London after an air raid warning has sounded. A policeman is helping a mother place a small child under cover of a gas helmet. In a few moments he will take them to an air raid shelter. Mothers are asked to put on their masks from time to time so small children will not be too fearful of them when a raid comes.



Some British women have purchased gas-proof gowns with masks attached, as shown at left. Such gowns are made of "oil silk." In the centre a policeman is blowing a whistle after hearing the warbling shrieks of sirens; this is an added warning for people to run to shelter. The end of an air raid alarm is pictured at the right; sirens have blown again, but this time with a steady note instead of a warble.

## Willie Winkle

### Looking Ahead to Easter and Making Plans For Saturdays, But No Resolutions

I'VE JUST BEEN looking up to see when our next holidays will be and I find that we've got to keep going at school until March 24, which will be Good Friday, and then we're going to have 10 good days without worrying about books and lessons. That's a long time to wait for a holiday but it's not as long as last year, when Easter came in April.

We're all back settled in school, trying to brush up on the things we learned last term. When we went into our room last Wednesday why I thought we'd get a few hours to get used to school again and perhaps the teacher would ask us what kind of a Christmas we had and all that, but no siree, she just sat us in our seats and said we'd start in on lesson 3, page 21, and we were away.

It got most of us down and when the gang came over to our place after school and were squatting about in the "Pirates" Den Jack said: "Any you kids make any New Year's resolutions? I made a couple but I've bust them already. I was going to try and be better at school this term but I'm sour already. The sight of that arithmetic gets me down like nobody's business."

"It's the spelling that bowls me over," said Skinny. "And the geography ain't so hot," said Pinto. "They keep changing things around so much in Europe. Why don't they stick more to our country?"

"Well, I'm not going to worry about my lessons this term," I said. "I'm going to do my best and if that ain't good enough well I can't help it. And I didn't make no resolutions this year 'cause it ain't no good. Only little kids make resolutions and they do it 'cause they want to please their mothers. You ought to have seen what our Babe put down for resolutions. Just a minute and I'll hike upstairs and bring them down. She's got them pinned up on the wall in her bedroom."

WHEN I CAME back I told the gang that we always kid Babe about her temper and call her "Spitfire," and I guess she took this to heart for when she came out from the parlor on New Year's Eve with her resolutions this is what she had written: Resolutions for 1940:

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"Well, it's sure was easy enough for Babe to write them down, but she found it a whole lot harder to carry them out," I said. "Every time she slips we bawl her out and then she thinks we're mean

and she doesn't like us for half an hour."

"Sure is hard to carry out resolutions," Skinny said. "Why my ma said she wished I'd make a resolution to have the wood box filled every night and I said that was a cinch to do and she said, 'Alright, let me see.' Well, ain't it funny how you just forget to do the right thing at the right time. There wasn't any reason why I shouldn't have filled the wood box for New Year's. I thought about it several times and was just going to do it when I did something else and then sure enough the box was empty and there was no kindling for the next morning and my ma gave me a two-bit lecture."

A W. WELL, YOU'LL grow up in time and don't let nobody kid you into making resolutions," said George, one of our newcomers. "That's old stuff, just forget about it. It's easier to make wishes, like 'I wish Hitler gets bumped off,' 'I wish I get a new bike,' or something like that."

"Well, I don't think this resolution business is so bad if you're sensible," said Jack. "For instance, suppose instead of on Saturdays just fooling around roller skating and kicking the football in the vacant lots, we made up our minds to go hiking. Why, we could get our lunch and one Saturday go to Mount Douglas and another Saturday hike out on the Island Highway and see the country in the winter time."

"Aw, that's just about as screwy as making a resolution," said Skinny. "I can tell you right now what the country looks like; it's all wet and mucky and the trees are all bare and it's one time of the year when you don't want to live in the country."

IS THAT SO," said Jack. "Suppose you came to my grandfather's farm and had a nice drink of warm milk and got some of those hard winter apples he has parked away and patted some of the young pigs and maybe got a ride on his saddle horse."

"Well, why didn't you say that the first time," said Skinny. "That's more attractive. I don't think I want to pat a pig but I sure would like to ride a horse if it ain't too frisky."

"How far is it to your grandfather's farm?" asked Pinto.

"Oh, about seven miles," Jack said.

"That's a pretty long way to walk," said Skinny. "Mightn't be so bad walking out but after riding a horse it might seem a pretty long way to walk home. Nope, think I'll wait for the 24th of May and ride one of the horses on the merry-go-round."

"I'll go if you'll ride your bike," I said. "I hate the walking back, it always seems so far, and if we want to walk we can walk over the farm. Any chance to milk a cow? I've always wanted to milk a cow."

"Maybe," said Jack. "But I think there's a trick to milking a cow. I've tried it but I never can get the milk to come out like the men who know how to do it. Guess my grip isn't strong enough."

"It's just like all the other things we talk about," said Skinny. "We talk more than my mother's bridge club. But I guess we got to get it out of our systems if this rain won't stop coming down and making the ground so wet all day."

"Well, anyways, perhaps we'll get together some Saturday and go to my grandfather's farm," said Jack. "I'll be going out there perhaps Sunday and I'll see if it would be alright for us to go. If my grannie says it's O.K. you can bet your life we'll sure get some swell apple pie. Nobody can bake a pie like her, just melts in your mouth. And if we should be particularly good perhaps we'll get some of that thick Jersey cream that you have to spoon out of the bottle."

"Alright, you let us know," I said. "And see if they'll let me try to milk a cow. That's my ambition right now."

Ancient Egyptians possessed such musical instruments as the harp, guitar, pipe, trumpet, and drum, according to archeological findings.

# THIS CURIOUS WORLD

## MOTHER NATURE

CONSTRUCTED EACH OF HER CHILDREN FOR ITS PARTICULAR WAY OF LIVING AND SECURING FOOD!

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NOW IF MAN HAD BEEN A SEA ANIMAL, HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN BUILT MORE ALONG THE LINES OF A SEAL.

OR HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN MADE WITH THE IDEA THAT HE WOULD ENJOY BROWSING ON THE LEAVES OF TALL TREES.

HAD MOTHER NATURE INTENDED HIM TO BE NOCTURNAL, SHE MIGHT HAVE PROVIDED HIM WITH LONG SENSITIVE WHISKERS, SUCH AS OTHER NIGHT-PROWLING ANIMALS WEAR.

FROM THE STANDPOINT OF LOOKS, IT'S FORTUNATE HUMANS WERE NOT INTENDED AS ANT-EATERS.

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IF MAN HAD TO TRACK DOWN GAME BY SCENT AND SOUND, HE'D HAVE A HIGHLY DEVELOPED NOSE AND EARS.



## MERRIMAN TALKS...

NEW YEAR AND CHRISTMAS seem a long time ago now but they have stirred sentiments and memories, created friendships and brought about reconciliations that will last for at least another 12 months.

Those who have followed the neighborhood warfare of James Bay which was rapidly reaching the stage of a major conflict may be interested to learn that, as a result of the good will holiday season, all is quiet again on the Quebec Street front.

The fire-eating Veteran Mariner appeared during the holiday in a role directly opposite to his usual quarrelsome manner.

He figuratively came bearing the olive branch of peace. A beauteous smile transformed his usual cantankerous countenance. He was hardly recognizable but, sweeping away any embarrassment that the surprised hesitation might cause, he pushed the door open himself, and walked into the hall.

"Mon Dieu, Merriman. Surely you don't expect to carry a quarrel over to the New Year. Nevar! It is not the custom of the great Seignoirs of the Channel Islands of whom you are looking at one of the greatest. From today we are friends."

Then he switched from French to English in a manner that was bewildering, but the text of it was that the spirit of the New Year had brought a desire to bury the hatchet. It was against his tribal law to carry over an old quarrel.

I suspect that is because he always starts new ones, but, in any event, it ended with an invitation to join him, his family and his friends in his baronial duplex.

"There," he said, "for an hour or two you will see New Year observed in the ancient tradition of Jersey."

Then, with a grandiloquent gesture, he presented a hamper.

"Here are bones for your dogs. Here are cabbages for your rabbits. Here is corn for your hambants. Somebody has to feed them. But, Mon Dieu, this is New Year. Forget all that. Bring your friends. Meet my friends. Let's forget our quarrels and let good fellowship prevail."

Eager to seize the opportunity to make peace, we accepted the invitation, and it proved one of those spontaneous interludes in a holiday season that stand out above all planned events.

We were introduced by the Mariner in the grand manner of a Norman baron.

Mons. and Mme. Il'Smythe," he said; "Mons. and Mme. Jean D'Acres, Compte and Comtesse Del'a-Bow, Mlle. La Blonde, Mons. and Mme. Thomp," and so on. He indicated without saying they were some of his friends from the Channel Islands.

They looked more like Vancouver Islanders than Channel Islanders to me, but it was no time to raise doubts.

"Madame," said the Mariner, with a bow to his wife. "Fire the yule log. The party is complete."

"Okay," she said, and put a match to the gas fire.

The Mariner struck an impressive ora-



torical pose. "This," he proceeded, "is New Years."

"Cheers. Let's have a party," said Mme. Jean, but he quashed her with a look.

He proceeded to make a speech about New Year; its sentiment and traditions. He told us of New Year in Jersey; of his New Year at Singapore, in the Arctic, the Orient and memorable New Year in Scotland.

He told us of New Years he had spent at sea, and he glared at Jean again when she asked him if he had served on the Victory.

We listened politely, but we of the other part of Quebec Street decided that if this was the price of neighborhood peace, let the feud rage.

We would have told him so, but by this time he had branched into a dissertation on sea lore. He wanted to show how to set a course by the stars, and he took a pretty blonde guest into the garden to map out an imaginary voyage across the Pacific.

From then on, the program that he had arranged proceeded for a time without him—a carefully selected program of old-time music jointly perpetuating traditions of New Year and Christmas of centuries ago. There were carols, of course, but only the oldest of carols.

There were folk songs of the Channel Islands and dances of the Hawaiian Islands. There was music of Guam, weird but alluring South Sea chants.

We traveled the world in musical numbers. For Ireland I contributed "My Wild Irish Rose." When we reached Singapore, in this music voyage the Mariner was prompted to demonstrate a queer custom of the natives of pouring a variety of ingredients into a

silver container, shaking them vigorously and serving the finished creation to guests.

He did it very well indeed. The guests called for encores frequently.

The musical program proceeded with songs of all nations until it reached England.

Then a touching number was presented breathing the atmosphere of Old Albion, of lavender and lace, little black bonnets and black lace mittens; of the England, perhaps, of Dickens and Thackeray.

It was a song that probably few people know today, but no doubt in these days of revival of folk songs it will be incorporated in some collection, the Mariner told me. It was entitled "Three Old Ladies Dressed in Lavender." It was the kind of song that once you have heard, haunts you for the rest of your days. It was beautifully sung, with expression, charm and all in perfect harmony. There was one feature, however, that struck me as a trifle incongruous. The three old ladies of the Mariner's party trucked to the music; and trucking is a form of dancing that hardly seems appropriate to a song of the Victorian period.

The Mariner told me how old the song was and how it has been handed down to him; how he was the only man in the British Empire who had the complete words and music.

I have since learned that he had never heard the song in his life until a few weeks ago, and it is a popular song of visiting naval officers. They sing it when in a sentimental mood and have just introduced it to Victoria. And I guess everything else the Mariner told me during the evening was on a par.

The hatchet is exhumed.

## Tale of a Shocking Stocking

By REBY MACDONALD

MARY, THE BRIDE, seemed as she marched down the aisle, to be bursting with some sort of emotion other than maidenly modesty. She looked plain mad.

The groom and the ushers were gritting their teeth too, and all this feeling seemed to be directed toward Julie, the matron of honor, who looked the picture of innocence as she floated along after Mary. Julie in fact, looked radiant. She had on a sand-colored creation, and a brace of sables thrown around her neck, Roger's Christmas present, and the smartest fawn and brown turban seen west of New York.

The party arrived at the front, and the organ stopped its triumphant pealing. I was just making a mental note to ask Julie where she got that lovely hat and Dan was arranging his long legs under the front pew and settling down with his special bored wedding expression when the queerest thing happened to Julie's turban.

First, the bangs which were wound around like a coronet

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tell her father and cry over him." "So Roger came upstairs and asked if I was fooling and I said no, and he said we had to be there in 10 minutes and to do something and he was going to get a stiff drink. Then Babe came back again and cried some more and bit her nails right down until I put her out so that I could think."

"I don't remember hitting upon the stocking idea. I don't remember anything much after that, except sitting down at my table winding them around my head and sticking pins in the back and a diamond clasp in the front. Then I sailed downstairs and calmly picked up my new furs and said I was ready."

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"Roger began to swear again and I'll admit I almost got panicky myself, but for once Babe was dreadfully calm. Let me out here, Father, I'll get a taxi back to the house and meet you at church. After we went, we remembered she hadn't a key but we didn't stop. I believe she broke a window."

"Mary said we were 20 minutes late at her house, (we were only 15) and Babe was 10 more minutes bringing my slippers to the church, and in the meantime, even the youngest usher wouldn't speak to me. As for the hat coming apart, it wouldn't have happened if Roger hadn't rushed me by running the car under my window—one more pin would have held it."

"That hat," I said, "was a confection. If I get out some stockings, could you show me how you did it?"

"Julie dried her eyes and cheered up suddenly. "It was a dream while it lasted, wasn't it? Yes, let's try it. If Roger is planning to divorce me, I'll threaten to wear it before the judge. That should hold him."

"That," said Dan retiring behind a newspaper, "should be enough to hold anybody."